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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

June 9, 1938

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Re: OUSTER OF SHERIFF MARTIN L. O'DONNELL,
Cuyahoga County

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my recent telephone conversations with the Bureau concerning the action of the Cleveland Crime Commission and Mr. Edwards to obtain the ouster of Sheriff O'Donnell of Cuyahoga County and the invitation which may be extended to me to appear on a program sponsored by the Cleveland Crime Commission, this will advise of the most recent developments in this matter.

Mr. Edwards telephonically communicated with me, advising that he would like to know whether I would appear on such a program. I told him that in view of the fact that this was a matter purely local in character, involving the ouster of a law enforcement official, that this Bureau could not take any part in it.

Mr. Edwards stressed the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, through its investigation in the Bremer case, had brought about the conviction and sentence of Arthur Hebebrand of the Harvard Club and that this was of tremendous local interest.

It is recalled that the Cleveland Crime Commission has for the past few weeks received considerable publicity in connection with its drive to rid the city of notorious gambling clubs lying outside of the city of Cleveland and that the Cleveland Crime Commission has pursued a vigorous publicity campaign, placing the responsibility for the existence of such clubs at the doorstep of the Sheriff, charging him with malfeasance, misfeasance and non-feasance in office. (X)

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I further informed Mr. Edwards that, taking everything into consideration, I would have to refuse to participate in any program which had as its objective the ouster of a law enforcement official.

I received a call from United States Attorney Emerich Freed today, during which he stated that he had been approached by Mr. Edwards of the Crime Commission and had been informed that I had

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refused to appear on this program. He stated that he was also asked to appear on this program and that he refused, stating that he did not believe it was the duty of the United States Attorney's office to participate in any proceedings local in character which had as its objective the ouster of a law enforcement official. He stated that he was glad that I had refused and that he had also followed my position in the matter.

Very truly yours,

s/ AL ROSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 11, 1938

DEB:MK

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Re: BRANID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, May 14, 1938.

Your attention is called to the information contained in this report concerning "Blackie" Cowhart, as contained on page 27 and 28. In view of the fact that considerable investigation is being conducted in both the MATTHEW and ROWAN cases looking toward the location of individuals by the name of "Blackie", it is desired that every effort be made by your office to definitely determine the whereabouts of "Blackie" Cowhart in order that it may be ascertained whether he may be identical with the "Blackie" desired in the ROWAN case or the "BLACKIE" sought as a suspect in the MATTHEW case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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U. S. Department of Justice

506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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June 15, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: SAM NESSLER - CONFIDENCE MAN.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 9, 1938 (80-607), concerning SAM NESSLER, Confidence Man, the Bureau letter indicating that a search of the Bureau's alphabetical name file failed to reveal any record for this particular individual.

Special Agent E. J. WINN advises me that during the time he was on special assignment in the Cleveland Division territory in connection with the BREKID investigation the name of SAM NESSLER also known as SAM HASSLER arose on several occasions during the course of the investigation at Toledo, Ohio. This individual is well known in Toledo, Ohio, where he is closely allied with the gambling racket and the confidence racket as set forth in a letter captioned "Confidence Men" from this office to the Bureau dated April 15, 1938.

The Chicago office is requested to search the index maintained at that office on the BREKID investigation with reference to SAM NESSLER also known as SAM HASSLER, and if such information is available in the BREKID file to furnish the Bureau with his description, aliases, arrest numbers and criminal record.

There is no additional information with reference to this individual in the Indianapolis office, it being noted that original reference concerning him is contained in the aforementioned letter dated at Indianapolis April 15, 1938, forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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Herold H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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THE CLEVELAND CRIME COMMISSION
formerly
The Cleveland Association for Criminal Justice.
2108 Payne Avenue
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

June 18, 1938.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have before me your letter of June 10 addressed to Mr. Jamison, President of our Commission, expressing the thanks of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the small part we endeavored to pay in expressing nation-wide indignation to President Roosevelt over the budget deficiency with which you were met for the fiscal year's operations. Recent telephone conversations with Mr. Rosen, Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland field office, brought me the encouraging word that all lay-offs had been cancelled, and so, we happily assume that the folks up on the hill have properly remedied this deficit.

We are currently engaged in a rather trying and difficult project, to-wit; An effort to unseat our sheriff-politician who has steadfastly refused to enforce our state laws in this county, and whose conduct has made it rather patent that there are existing some very unsavory and unwholesome relationships and alliances between his department and the most troublesome elements of our underworld.

I refer to a syndicated group with whom your men in this area have had encounters before, namely, those behind the scenes of the operations of three big time gambling joints, including the Harvard Club. You will, perhaps, recall that it was Arthur Hebebrand, "Sharkey Gorman" and Tony Amersbach of this establishment who your agents successfully to the bar of justice for harboring Alvin Karpis. You may also recall it was

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this same group that threatened the life of our County Prosecutor when he pulled a surprise raid on them early in 1936. We look upon the existence of this joint in terms of the chief source of revenue which ultimately fosters and finances practically all of our rackets and major underworld operations. It is, therefore, with a desire to cripple this source of income that we engage in our present battle, and very definitely not in the roll of crusaders against gambling as such, nor out of a desire to set ourselves up as patron saints of the public's pocketbook.

This same sheriff, of course, is the one who serves as the guardian - so to speak - of our county jail, from which the notorious Bird brothers found it easy to depart, after their arrest for the "big time" bank robberies in this area, in the recent past.

I have consulted with Mr. Al Rosen of the local Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters on several occasions with regard to this movement, and wish to acknowledge the very helpful attitude he and the men up there have shown, even though we could not come to a meeting of minds as to the extent to which he might participate in our efforts. I, of course, acceded to his more mature judgment, and certainly his understanding of his position which he felt should prevent him from being present at our recent dinner meeting at the Hotel Statler. It had been my keen hope that he might appear for the sole purpose of presenting in a very factual and objective manner some of the available details of the observations made by the Federal Government during the course of the Karpis clean-up in the Maryland Club, in order to acquaint the general public, in an authoritative fashion, with the serious, underlying ramifications arising out of the existence of these cesspools. Disappointed though I was with Mr. Rosen's conclusion that it would be impossible for him to appear, I appreciate his position and attitude even though he would not have been directly taking an affirmative part in a movement against another law enforcement officer of state jurisdiction. Our Safety Director, Eliot Ness, and County Prosecutor, Frank T. Callitan, who did speak, with me, at this meeting, found themselves somewhat in the same spot on this score, but by

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keeping the tenor of the meeting on a purely objective basis until after they had finished their talks, I believe we successfully spared them much of the embarrassment with which they were naturally faced under these conditions.

Our pride in the Federal Bureau of Investigation grows even stronger, and may I be one of the millions in this Country who personally salute you and your remarkable organization for the effective job just completed in Florida.

Sincerely,

(s) WILLIAM E. EDWARD

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SATURDAY

June 30, 1938

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Mr. William E. Edwards
Operating Director
The Cleveland Crime Commission
2108 Payne Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Your communication dated June 18, 1938, has been received. Your very commendatory remarks concerning the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and in particular this Bureau's activities in the Gash kidnaping in Florida are very greatly appreciated.

I note that you have been in contact with Mr. A. Rosen, Special Agent in Charge of this Bureau's Cleveland Field Division, and appreciate the understanding which your letter indicated of the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not make any comments or enter into any discussion of matters which are in themselves of purely local concern.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Crowl.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Fox.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. McIntire.....

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1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
June 20, 1938.

Mr. John G. Sheffield
Chief Patrol Inspector
Immigration & Naturalization Service
U.S. Department of Labor
Miami, Florida.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 13, 1938, in which you transmitted information as to certain data which had come to one of your Patrol Inspectors concerning a resident of New Smyrna, Florida, who wished to know whether all of the ransom money concerned in the BREMER kidnaping case had been recovered. The case to which this individual refers is undoubtedly the BREMER kidnaping case.

In this connection, I am glad to inform you that prosecution in the BREMER case has been concluded and that all but a very small portion of the ransom money was accounted for during the course of the investigation of that case.

Your interest in referring this matter to me is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. G. Rutzen
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir: Re: BREXID

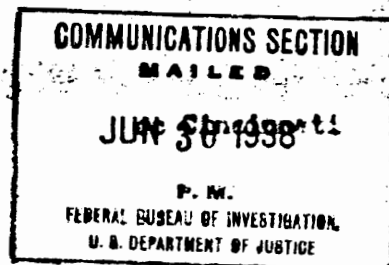
Reference is made to your letter of June 20, 1938, addressed to Mr. John C. Sheffield, Chief Patrol Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Labor, Miami, Florida, copy of which was furnished to the Bureau.

This letter indicates that a resident of New Smyrna, Florida, had inquired as to whether or not all of the ransom money in the instant case had been recovered, and it is noted therein that you have advised that all but a very small portion of the money was accounted for, and no further action was taken thereon.

The Bureau desires that inquiry be made to determine whether or not this inquiry was made by reason of the fact some of the outstanding ransom bills in the instant case have been located. If so, investigation should be conducted by your office to determine the source thereof.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 6-24-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-15-38	REPORT MADE BY F. I. McGARRAGHY
TITLE GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1252, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Hooper Holmes Bureau, NYC, records reflect Dr. Joseph Moran filed applications for insurance, which were rejected, with Preferred Accident Insurance Company, NYC, and with Great Northern Life Insurance Company, Chicago, Ill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B.P.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter of 4-12-38 re: "Card index systems used by major insurance companies in New York City" (N.Y. File 62-6195; Bureau file 62-122).</p> <p>DETAILS: Special Agent M. J. Conroy checked at the Hooper Holmes Bureau, 102 Maiden Lane, New York City, and ascertained that DR. JOSEPH MORAN filed an application for insurance with the Preferred Accident Insurance Company, Maiden Lane, New York City, which application was rejected in 1926, and that he filed an application with the Great Northern Life Insurance Company, Chicago, Ill., which application was rejected on December 26, 1935.</p> <p>UNDEVELOPED LEADS: CHICAGO OFFICE will check at the Great Northern Life Insurance Company, Chicago, Ill., for the purpose of obtaining any information from the application for insurance filed by Dr. Joseph Moran relative to his present whereabouts.</p> <p>NEW YORK OFFICE will check at the Preferred Accident Insurance Company, Maiden Lane, New York City, for the purpose of ascertaining whether Dr. Joseph Moran's application for insurance with that company contains any information which might be of value in ascertaining his present whereabouts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- PENDING -</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 6-24-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-21-38	REPORT MADE BY H. L. SCOTT ebc
GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: BEN AVERY, former inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, released 5-30-38 and reported to his sponsor, Sheriff FRED C. KING, Rolla, Mo., where he presently is supposed to be. Bureau desires that he be interviewed relative to information concerning BREMER kidnap money.			
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Reference: Letter from the Kansas City office to the Cincinnati office 5-3-38; letter from the Bureau to the Cincinnati office 5-25-38, with carbon copy to Kansas City.			
Details: <u>AT THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI</u> Agent ascertained that <u>BEN AVERY</u> , former inmate #49408, was conditionally released May 30, 1938, and reported to his sponsor, Sheriff FRED C. KING, Rolla, Phillips County, Missouri. AVERY gave his address as care of the Rolla Hotel, Rolla, Mo. For the information of the St. Louis office, it should be stated that <u>FRED W. LEWIS</u> , inmate #5041, Missouri State Penitentiary, stated to the writer, confidentially, that AVERY had indicated to him that prior to entering the prison he had met a woman-(name or other identification not known), who operated a five-acre chicken farm near Gallatin, Tennessee, who was supposed to have in her possession about \$30,000 worth of the BREMER kidnap money and that AVERY had propositioned him, LEWIS, relative to handling the money when they both got out; that the woman was supposed to have gotten the money from VOLNEY DAVIS and that the woman in question is supposed to correspond with a sister of VOLNEY DAVIS, who lives near Neosho, Mo.,-(name or other identification not known).			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Dwight Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-14982</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">JUN 28 1938</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">JUN 27 A.M.</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">STAT. SEC.</div>	
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According to LEWIS, AVERY is supposed to have put about \$400.00 of this money into circulation prior to his incarceration in the aforementioned prison, and the woman is supposed to have spent about \$1000.00 of it.

The letter from the Bureau desired that AVERY be interviewed.

The name of LEWIS, of course, should not be used as he gave this information, as he said, confidentially.

At the time the writer received this information, the Warden of the penitentiary advised that he did not place a great deal of credence in FRED W. LEWIS.

For the information of the St. Louis Office, there is herewith attached a photograph of BEN AVERY, alias BENJANUM DONALD GATELEY, Mo. St. Prison Reg. No. 49408, giving descriptive data and criminal history:

FBC: 18- 1 R 100 16

Received: May 3, 1937

Discharged: May 28, 1938

Crime: Forgery

Age: 46 (1937)

Born: Virginia

Weight: 129 pounds

Hair: Lt. Chestnut

Eyes: Yel. Blue

Height: 5-8 1/2

Occupation: Clerk

Complexion: Med. Fair

Build: Medium

Sentenced: 2 yrs.

From: Phelps County, Missouri

Residence: Norge, Va.

Previous Record: As EUGENE L. AVERY, #21438, Mo. St. Pen. 2-25-19.

2 yrs. Charge??? Dis. under cond. comm. 11-5-20.

As E. L. Avery #12832 Folsom, Cal. 11-21-23, 14 yrs.

Check to Defraud. Same name 12-21-16, San Quentin,

#30167 2 yrs. Forgery.

Marks and Scars: Left: Vac Out, Head, dim sc4-head ab. nose.

Two sc bk. head M.L. Nose med. concuve. Has false teeth.

ENCLOSURE: To ST. LOUIS, photograph of BEN AVERY.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION

AT ROLLA, MISSOURI

Will locate and interview BEN AVERY as to whether or not he has any information as set out in the body of this report.

P E N D I N G.

1300 Liberty Trust Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MC:LMH
7-45

June 29, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio

RE: BREKID

Edward G. Bremer

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the following described articles which were obtained by this office in investigation of instant case and which are being forwarded to your office for whatever disposition you see fit to make of them.

One Spanish Revolver obtained from Thelma Holst who advises that she does not desire the return of this gun.

Four fired .45 calibre cartridges and one flattened .45 cal. cartridge projectile recovered by Det. Arch Williams of Atlantic City P.D. who picked these up in Hotel Danmor in the 4th floor hallway after battle with Karpis and Campbell.

One .45 projectile, metal-jacketed, as fired, one metal jacket from .45 projectile.

Two fired .22 cal. shells (found under rear seat in Karpis Buick by Agent Keekins with .22 calibre rifle.)

One .45 cal. projectile fired by subjects Karpis and Campbell and recovered by Special Agent Emerson Wright from door jam Room 406, Hotel Danmor, Atlantic City, N. J.

Cuban money (amount undetermined) found in Dolores Delaney's pocketbook at the time of apprehension.

Bottle of medicine and syringe of Alvin Karpis found in baggage abandoned at Atlantic City on Jan. 20, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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A. B. LUCKIE

Special Agent in Charge

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FROM
PARDON ATTORNEY
TO

The Attorney General..... MEMORANDUM
Solicitor General..... Bolton
Asst. Solicitor Gen..... I recommend denial
Asst. to the Atty. Gen..... in this case.
Asst. Atty. Gen..... Maybe I'm too tough.
Mr. Carusi..... DMS
Mr. Bennett
Parole Board
Miss Grant
Mr. Hoover
Mr. Turner
Mr. Barry
Mr. Cash
Miss Greer
Mrs. McCarthy
Mrs. Morfitt
Mrs. Bryden
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Transcription Section

7-576-14984

OFFICE of the ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR
Commutation of Sentence of
BRYAN BOLTON.

The President.

Sir:

This applicant pleaded guilty in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, at St. Paul, to kidnapping, and conspiracy to kidnap, in violation of Section 408a, Title 18, United States Code, and on August 25, 1936, was sentenced to imprisonment for three years. He commenced the service of his sentence at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, on August 29, 1936, and on January 5, 1937, was transferred to the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents at Springfield, Missouri, where he is now confined. He became eligible for parole on August 24, 1937, but his application was denied by the Board. His sentence, with good time allowances, will expire on December 15, 1938.

The crimes in which the applicant was implicated were the kidnapping of William Hamm, Jr., on June 15, 1933, and his transportation to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held for four days until a ransom of \$100,000 was paid; and the kidnapping on January 17, 1934, of Edward G. Bremer, who was transported to Bensenville, Illinois, and held until a ransom of \$200,000 was paid.

These kidnappings were perpetrated by the so-called Karpis-Barker gang, with whom was associated one Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, who had befriended the applicant. It appears that Goetz brought the applicant to St. Paul and introduced him to the other members of the kidnap gang and induced him to drive the automobile in which Mr. Hamm was transported after the kidnapping, and to remain at the "hideout" as a guard.

In the Bremer case at the inducement of Goetz, the applicant visited the "hideout" and assisted in maintaining it. After the ransom had been paid in that case, the applicant brought to the "hideout" the automobile which was afterwards used in transporting Bremer on the return trip to Minnesota.

The applicant was captured with one "Slim" Gibson, who handled the ransom money and who was shot to death by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation while resisting arrest. The applicant surrendered and immediately commenced to cooperate with the Department and gave them information and assistance which led to the solution of the crimes and afterwards gave testimony which resulted in the conviction of the principal criminals.

The applicant calls to the attention of the Department the services rendered to the Government in the kidnapping cases and to the fact that he served twenty months in the Ramsey County Jail awaiting trial and received no credit therefor upon his sentence. He further states that he has severed all connections with the underworld and will

not again become involved in anything illegal or dishonorable. He asks that he be granted a commutation of sentence in order that he may enter a veterans' hospital for a few weeks in a vicinity where he may thereafter establish a business and home for his family. He points out that if he is required to complete his sentence, upon which he will not be released until December 15th next, he will have to take his children out of school in the middle of the term or live in a place where everybody knows him, and where his life might be endangered by friends of the men against whom he testified. He further states that until February, 1938, he had an arrested case of tuberculosis, but that since that time his disease has become active and he believes that with a few weeks in a dry climate among congenial surroundings, he will be restored to health.

The applicant further states that he intends to conduct a golf school, a business which will be at its peak in the summer months, and that he desires to take charge at an early date in order to overcome the handicap of the small capital with which he will be obliged to work.

Assistant United States Attorney George A. Heisey states that the administration of justice in both of the important kidnapping cases in which the applicant was involved could not have been accomplished without the applicant's full and active cooperation, which he freely and efficiently granted. Mr. Heisey further states that he feels the applicant is entitled to every consideration and that it

would seem to be negligible whether the applicant is now released by virtue of commutation of sentence or is released in December, when his three-year term, less good time allowances, will expire.

The Honorable George F. Sullivan, United States District Judge, who was United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota at the time of the trial of the two cases, makes the following statement:

"I concur in the recommendation of Mr. George A. Heisey, First Assistant United States Attorney in this matter. Mr. Bolton was of great assistance in the prosecution of both the Bremer and Hamm kidnapping cases. I venture to state that without the assistance of Bolton, the outcome of these cases would probably have been less successful. Bolton testified several times before the Grand Jury and in the trial court. He furnished the information to the Bureau of Investigation which made possible a full investigation of these two kidnapping cases, and I believe that every consideration should be shown Mr. Bolton in this matter."

The Honorable Matthew M. Joyce, the sentencing Judge, states:

"I feel that had it not been for the aid given the Government by Bolton, that group of gangsters might be at liberty today and it was because of the aid which he gave that I imposed so small a sentence. I know that the view which I have expressed was that of the Government at the time and in that connection both Mr. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General, and Judge Sullivan, then United States District Attorney, and Mr. Heisey, all gave me the benefit of their judgment recommending leniency. We knew at the time that he had a tubercular condition, which doubtless was aggravated by his nineteen months, as I recall it, incarceration in the Ramsey County Jail. I feel that I consistently can assume an attitude favorable to his application for Executive clemency and this letter is written for that purpose."

The Assistant United States Attorney includes with his recommendation a letter to Vieter E. Anderson, United States Attorney, by John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in which Mr. Hoover states:

"I wish to state in this connection that the Federal Bureau of Investigation feels that Bolton was of great assistance in the investigation and prosecution of both the Hamm and Bremer kidnapping cases and that it is entirely proper that he be given consideration for the information and assistance which he furnished. On July 21, 1936, in response to a request from the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice I expressed my views to this effect and received indication from the Department that a letter was to be written to the trial judge informing him of the assistance rendered by Bolton and indicating that we believed consideration should be shown Bolton for his action."

Dr. M. R. King, Warden of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, where the applicant is confined, states:

"You are advised that the inmate is afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis. The disease has been characterized by exacerbations and remissions. Although the disorder is active at the present time the patient is making favorable progress and is not regarded as seriously ill."

The Department records are replete with evidence that the applicant rendered much valuable assistance to the Government in the prosecution of the two notorious cases in which he was involved. It appears, however, that the value of the applicant's services to the Government was impressed upon the judge at the time of the sentence by all the officials of the Department having charge of the prosecution and taken into account by him at that time. It appears also that it was then well known that the applicant had served nineteen months in jail before conviction and that he was suffering from tuberculosis. The three years sentence imposed on the applicant was extremely lenient as compared with that imposed upon his codefendants, some of whom received life imprisonment, others twenty years, and others fifteen years. It is fairly to be assumed that the Judge exercised leniency in consideration of all the facts which were then brought to his attention,

inclusive of the applicant's services to the Government and his illness. The only suggestion at the present time as to a change in the situation has reference to the applicant's tubercular condition, which, according to the prison physician, though active, is not serious.

The applicant took part in two atrocious crimes, and his determination to be law-abiding and to cooperate with the Government did not commence to express itself until the crimes had been completed and the members of the gang were being captured or killed. His aid to the Government in the prosecutions, while of unquestioned value, must have been inspired to some extent at least by a desire to save himself from the fate which he knew was impending for persons convicted of kidnapping without mitigation. In my judgment, he was generously repaid for his assistance by a sentence of three years, a mild punishment for an active participant in a crime of this character. I see no reason why further leniency should be extended to him.

I therefore advise that the application be denied.

Respectfully,

Attorney General.

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From

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

To: Mr. Hoover

I should like your views in this case

Thanks.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CARUSI,
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Reference is made to your informal memorandum requesting my views concerning the commutation of the sentence of Bryan Bolton.

Under date of July 21, 1936, the Bureau advised the Criminal Division of the Department that Bolton was of material assistance to this Bureau in the investigation of both the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases and testified concerning the facts in his possession at the trial of both of these cases. I believe that Bolton fully and frankly furnished to the Bureau all of the information which he possessed concerning both of these cases. It must be remembered, however, that Bolton was a participant in both of these kidnapings and probably participated in other violations of local laws, concerning which he did not furnish information to the Bureau. At that time I informed the Criminal Division that I believed it entirely proper that Bolton be given some consideration for the information and assistance which he furnished to the Bureau in connection with the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping cases.

Other than to furnish the above information, this Bureau has no other views to express and will defer to your judgment in the matter.

The letter addressed to The President and the Department's file, which accompanied your informal memorandum, are returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Copy letter to President retained Bu. file.

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July 7, 1938

DEB:EAM

Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

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Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Miami, Florida, April 19, 1938, in connection with the libel suit being filed against the Browning Automatic Rifle in the instant case.

Reference report indicated that the United States Attorney was at that time preparing the necessary papers and it was expected that they would be filed shortly thereafter.

The Bureau desires to be advised as to whether or not there have been any developments in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
July 9, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Among the bulky exhibits in this case at the Miami Office is a 1934 Oklahoma license tag, number 362A339, which was found by Agents in the house occupied by FRED and KATE BARKER at Oklawaha, Florida, when it was raided on January 16, 1935.

Inasmuch as prosecutive action has been concluded, authority is requested to destroy this plate in order that it may be properly removed from the exhibit files.

Very truly yours,

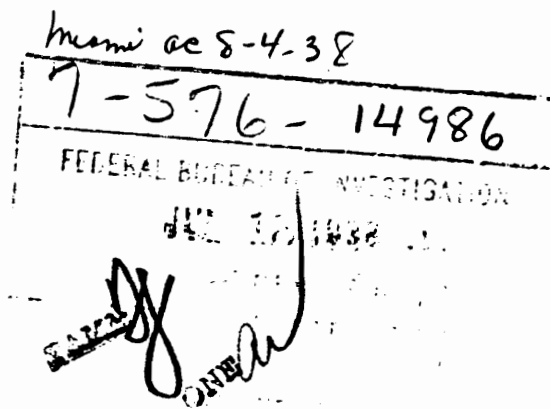
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A. C. Rutzen
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 4, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

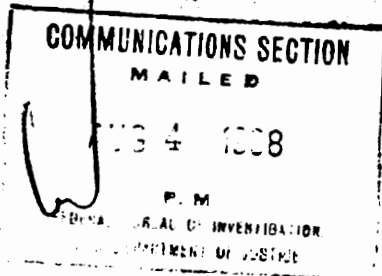
Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated July 9, 1933, in which you request authority to destroy 1934 Oklahoma license plate #362A339, which was found by Agents in the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, when it was raided on January 16, 1935.

In the event it is certain that this license plate will not be needed in any prosecutive action, authority is granted to destroy it, prior to which photographs should be taken of it and placed in the case file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
July 9, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID;
HUGA.

Dear Sir:

There are being shipped to the Bureau, via Railway Express, for appropriate disposal, in accordance with provisions of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, the firearms which will be described below which were recovered during the course of the two above entitled investigations:

One Browning Automatic Rifle, with serial number punched out. This gun was recovered from the possession of JOSEPH H. ADAMS at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, in connection with the investigation in the BREKID case. A libel has been filed against this weapon in the U. S. District Court, Jacksonville, Florida.

One .45 caliber Colt Revolver, Serial No. 216258; and
One .45 caliber Colt Automatic Pistol, Serial No. 300100. These weapons were found in the possession of HUGH GANT and A. D. HUNT at the time of their apprehension at Houston, Texas, by Bureau Agents during the course of investigation in the HUGA case.

25-20 Winchester C.F. Rifle, Serial No. 867161, which was found in the get-away car used in the robbery of the Dixie County State Bank, Cross City, Florida, which robbery was covered in the investigation entitled HUGA.

Very truly yours,

A. C. Rutzen

A. C. Rutzen
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 19, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: BREKID;
HUGA.

Reference is made to the letter of the Miami Field Division dated July 9, 1938, transmitting to the Bureau the following firearms:

One Browning automatic rifle recovered from the possession of Joseph H. Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, in the BREKID case.

One .45 caliber Colt revolver, #216258, and one .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, #300100, recovered from Hugh Gant and A. D. Hunt, and one .25-20 Winchester rifle, #867161, recovered in connection with the robbery of the Dixie County State Bank, Cross City, Florida, the last three mentioned guns being recovered in the HUGA case.

These guns are not desired for permanent retention in the Laboratory, and information is requested of the Investigative Unit as to whether there is any reason why these weapons may not be permanently disposed of.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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___ Mr. Parsons
___ Miss Coe
___ Mr. Ritz
___ Miss Conlon
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July 25, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

Re: BREKID
HUGA

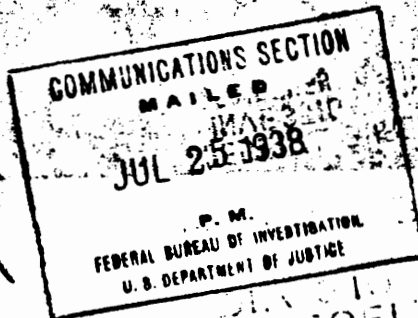
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 9, 1938, concerning the transmittal of firearms in connection with the Bremer and Hunt-Gant investigations.

The Bureau desires to be advised as to whether the appropriate United States Attorney has been contacted relative to the disposition of these guns.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Miss Gandy.....

**Norris Woman Off
To Virginia Prison**

Ruth Hamm Robison, alias Connie Norris, who entered a plea of guilty in Federal Court May 23 to a charge of conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from justice and was sentenced to one year and a day in prison, left yesterday for Alderson, W. Va., in charge of U. S. Marshal V. C. Pettie.

She will be placed in the United States Industrial Institution for Women at Alderson to serve the sentence. Seven other persons are under indictment in connection with the alleged harboring of Alvin Karpis two years ago at Hot Springs.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
JULY 3, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Re: BREKID
HUGA

Relative to the requested disposition of certain guns described in the memorandum of Mr. Coffey for Mr. Nathan dated July 19, 1938, this is to advise that a letter has been transmitted to the Miami office suggesting that it inform the Bureau as to whether the appropriate United States Attorney has been contacted concerning the disposition of these guns. In the event the Miami office advises that they are no longer wanted for evidentiary purposes, they may be disposed of as the Laboratory sees fit.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FBI JUSTICE WASHN DC

OMAHA, JULY 13- REPORTED THAT ALVIN KARPIS AND SIX OTHER PRISONERS
TAKEN THROUGH HERE ON WAY FROM ALCATRAZ TO FORTLEAVENWORTH.

APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN GIVE

B F SYLVESTER WORLD HERALD..
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Check with Bennett
& see if Karpis has
been moved.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

B. F. SYLVESTER
WORLD HERALD
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

REPLYING TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF TODAY, THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL PRISONERS
FROM ONE PENAL INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER IS HANDLED BY THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU
OF PRISONS, US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WHO HAS ADVISED THAT ALVIN KARPIS
HAS NOT BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ALCATRAZ PENITENTIARY.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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July 13, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called the office of Mr. Bennett, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, and in his absence talked to his secretary, who told me that Alvin Karpis had not been transferred from Alcatraz, and stated that they had been receiving numerous inquiries from the newspapers concerning his alleged transfer and had no idea as to how the story started.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
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Rt. 1. 569, Lorman, Md

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir:

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I noticed about two

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Years ago a man showed up here in this section answering this description except he didn't seem to be quite as full in the face as this picture shows him to be. But age, weight, height, color of eyes, hair, and expression on the face tally with this picture, especially the expression on the face he has been in and around here for about two years. Driving a truck hauling logs. If he has not been caught it would probably pay to check up on this party. No harm could come of it if he is not the right one.

I haven't seen him for several months but I feel sure that he is still in this section. Your man could look me up at Red Lick, and I'll help him on his trail. If you have already got him let me know anyway.

P.O. LORMAN, Md

Very Truly

C.E. Cooper

7-14-38

as the Bureau

BT

Sept. 1935
Startling Detective



Wanted by the G-men as one of the Bremer kidnapers, William J. (Willie) Harrison is still a fugitive. He is 34; 5 feet 6 inches tall; weighs 155; has light brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion.

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July 7, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Some time ago it was recommended that a number of Thompson Submachine guns in the possession of the Technical Laboratory and which are no longer needed as evidence be tested by one of the Bureau's firearms experts and if they were found to be in satisfactory operating condition the weapons were to be turned over to the Training Division for use in firearms training at Bureau headquarters or at Quantico, Virginia. Seven of these weapons have been examined and have been found to be in fair operating condition and would be satisfactory for training use at Quantico, not only in firing with the Thompson Submachine gun but particularly in the stripping and assembling of this weapon. There follows a list of the weapons referred to:

WEAPONS

Thompson Submachine Gun
serial #5282

Thompson Submachine Gun
serial #347

Thompson Submachine Gun
serial #6315

Thompson Submachine Gun
serial #7609

Thompson Submachine Gun
serial #198

Thompson Submachine Gun
serial #950

Thompson Submachine Gun
#9176

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Two of these weapons, I believe should be retained in the laboratory as of possible future value from the case interest standpoint. They are #9176 which is one of the "Florida Barker" weapons, and #950 which is one of the Karpis weapons recovered at Little Rock, Arkansas. One Dillinger weapon is included in the above list but the laboratory still has one Dillinger Submachine gun in its collection.

In addition to the seven foregoing guns there is one Thompson Submachine gun, serial #4255 which was given to the Bureau by the U. S. Marine Corps. This weapon has been checked and found to be in fair operating condition. Six of these weapons have been placed in the Bureau gun room on the Fifth floor. The two indicated, i. e. #9176 and #950 being retained in the laboratory. It is recommended that the Thompson Submachine gun given to the Bureau by the U. S. Marine Corps be included with the other weapons delivered to the training division for training use at Quantico.

Respectfully,

L. P. Coffey.

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July 19, 1938

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Mr. C. E. Cooper
Route 1, Box 69
Lorman, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Cooper:

In response to your letter dated July 13, 1938, please be advised that William J. Harrison is no longer wanted by this Bureau, inasmuch as his body was found at Ontarioville, Illinois, in 1935.

You may be assured that I appreciate the spirit which prompted you to forward to this Bureau the information at your disposal concerning the individual believed to be identical with Harrison.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-New Orleans

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Coffey
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-30

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-14-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-8, 10; 7-2-38.	REPORT MADE BY G. V. ROBERTY
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DR. SNOW, Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co., Springfield, Mass., advised that DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN had two policies with his company, but that both policies lapsed during the years 1931 and 1932. Pertinent information pertaining to said file secured and set forth, showing names of friends and others. Photostat copies of signature of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN secured and attached to copies to Cincinnati Office.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, New York City, dated 5-27-38.

DETAILS:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

DR. MORTON SNOW, Medical Director, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., upon being interviewed, advised that his files reflect DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN had two policies with his company; policy No. 671210, taken out October 17, 1924, in the amount of \$10,000., which lapsed for nonpayment of premiums in July 1932; and policy No. 689018, taken out March 4, 1925, in the amount of \$5,000., which lapsed for nonpayment of premiums in November 1931.

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED:

SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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DR. SNOW advised that his files reflect that DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN was born May 8, 1895 in Illinois; that another part of his files contains the information that he was born May 8, 1896; that MORAN was a physician in LaSalle, Illinois; that his files further reflect that during 1928 he became addicted to drinking and the drug habit, and as a result of causing the death of a girl in an abortion, was sentenced to a prison term in Joliet, Illinois; that his wife's name is ANNA MORAN, and it is understood she is divorced from him; that his wife last resided with her father in 1932 or 1933, 1216 St. Vincents Ave., LaSalle, Illinois; that it is understood C. H. BROWN, his wife's father, paid some of the premiums in 1931; that E. M. SAWYER, of the firm of Gillespie and Sawyer, 315 Central Life Building, Ottawa, Illinois, wrote the original policy; that said firm's present address is believed to be 304 LaSalle State Bank Building, LaSalle, Illinois; that the files further reflect that MORAN was known to a THOMAS McQUEEN, of 1313 Circle Ave., Forest Park, Illinois; that other individuals who knew MORAN and were contacted by the insurance company at one time or another are as follows:

JAMES O'KEEFE, 1545 So. Cicero Ave., Chicago, Illinois
JOSEPH YAWRS, c/o Victor Storage Co., Circle and Lake St.,
Chicago, Illinois - Telephone Austin 4928
DRS. HAL BILLIG and ART SOFFLE, 503 Main St., Maywood, Illinois

DR. SNOW, continuing, advised that his files further reflect that MORAN at one time lived or practised from 733 1/2 First St., LaSalle, Illinois, time not given and dates not appearing, and 747 Seventh St., LaSalle, Illinois; that they received retail credit reports in December of 1933 which indicated MORAN came from a good family who originally lived in Spring Valley, Illinois; that he has a brother, name unknown, who is believed to be a practising doctor, address not shown.

DR. SNOW stated that DR. MORAN was supposed to have had, at one time, a policy with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and also U.S. Government insurance; that the only physical defect appearing in the files was that DR. MORAN had minor nose and throat trouble. He stated that the last inquiry they had concerning DR. MORAN was on or about December 9, 1933, when he made some inquiry through the firm of E.M. SAWYER, in an effort to seek reinstatement of his policies, and apparently, at that time, was engaged in the practise of medicine at 4861 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; however, these policies were never reinstated.

DR. SNOW furnished the writer with photostat copies of application for insurance, the same being dated March 4, 1925, containing the signature of DR. MORAN, and also application for reinstatement dated September 4, 1926, June 4, 1926, amendment to

application dated March 11, 1925, and further amendment dated July 7, 1926, all of which contain the signature of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN. The same are being forwarded to the Cincinnati Office for their use in connection with instant case.

DR. SNOW stated that it is contrary to the regulations of their company to permit the writer to examine the files, and after searching the same, he furnished the above information. He stated he is positive that DR. MORAN was not suffering from any disability which would require constant medical attention, or that a notation concerning same would have appeared in the files.

No leads are being set out for other offices, in view of the fact that same is being left to the discretion of the office of origin; and as there is no further investigation to be made by this office this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Enclosures for Cincinnati Office

- 1 Photostat copy of application for insurance, Mutual Life Insurance Co., dated March 4, 1925.
- 2 Photostat copies of applications for reinstatement, one dated June 4, 1926 and the other September 4, 1926.
- 1 Photostat copy of amendment to application dated March 11, 1925.
- 1 Photostat copy of amendment dated July 7, 1926.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

DEB:EAM

July 19, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Personal and Confidential letter from the Bureau addressed to you on June 9, 1938, wherein it was requested that at the very earliest possible time you personally proceed to Atlantic City and advise Chief of Police James C. McMenamin and Captain Arthur Higbee of the true facts of the matters contained in reference letter.

A review of the Bureau file fails to reflect that this matter has as yet been handled by you. Please give this your attention at once.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DEB:EAM

July 19, 1938

Mr. E. J. Connelley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1130 Esquire Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed a copy of the report of Special Agent W. F. Whitely, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 8, 1938, in the Brekid case, and also a copy of a report of Special Agent C. E. Davis, San Antonio, Texas, dated July 7, 1938, in the case entitled "Robert Hudson, Et Al; National Stolen Property Act."

These reports were received in the Bureau apparently through error, inasmuch as they are checked to you.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc San Antonio
Cincinnati
Little Rock

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Post Office Drawer V, Plaza Station
St. Louis, Missouri
July 19, 1938.

Director,
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Washington, D. C.

Re: PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on July 2, 1938 the Bureau broadcast over Radio Station KMOX, St. Louis, Missouri, was made by me on the subject of "The FBI's Who's Who in Crime". On July 8, 1938 the Bureau broadcast was made by me on the subject of "The Law Enforcement Officer Goes to School" and on July 16, 1938 the Bureau broadcast was made by me on the subject "Alvin Karpis".

Very truly yours,

G. B. MORRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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July 21, 1938

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: "BREKID".

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Philadelphia Office dated June 29, 1938, in the above entitled case, which transmitted to the Cincinnati office various items previously recovered by the Philadelphia office. The first item enumerated in this letter is a Spanish revolver obtained from THELMA HOLST. This is being transmitted under separate cover to the Bureau in order that it may be disposed of.

This letter also indicates that there was being transmitted to the Cincinnati office some "Cuban money (amount undetermined) found in Dolores Delaney's pocketbook at the time of apprehension". Among the items received at the Cincinnati office was an envelope containing the notation "Cuban money found in Burdette or Delaney pocketbook". This envelope was empty and there was no Cuban money received at the Cincinnati Office. There is a notation on this envelope reading "Returned Delaney 2-13" which indicates that the money in question was probably returned to Dolores Delaney on 2-13-35. The Philadelphia Office is requested to check the file of that office in this case to ascertain definitely what disposition was made of this Cuban money.

The bottle of medicine and syringe of ALVIN KARPIS transmitted with this letter are being destroyed inasmuch as they have no further value.

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The remaining exhibits mentioned in this letter listed, as follows:

- K8 - Four fired .45 calibre cartridges and one flattened .45 cal. cartridge projectile recovered by Det. Arch Williams of Atlantic City, P.D., who picked these up in Hotel Danmor in the 4th floor hallway after battle with Karpis and Campbell.
One .45 projectile, metal-jacketed, as fired, one metal jacket from .45 projectile.
Two fired .22 cal. shells (found under rear seat in Karpis Buick by Agent Meekins with .22 calibre rifle.)
- K11 - One .45 cal. projectile fired by subjects Karpis and Campbell and recovered by Special Agent Emerson Wright from door jam Room 406, Hotel Danmor, Atlantic City, N.J., are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison with projectiles and shells in the Laboratory at the present time and especially for comparison with specimens fired from guns known to have been in the possession of subjects in this case. Any unidentified specimens may then be destroyed and if there are any identifications made the Little Rock Office should be notified, inasmuch as the only remaining prosecution in this case is at that office.

Very truly yours,

H. D. Harris
H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

// CC Chicago
Philadelphia
St. Paul
Little Rock

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/20/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/5, 11, 14/38	REPORT MADE BY C. K. SMITHE CKS:LM
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases & FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>See Timiney not circled</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Photostatic copies of papers pertinent to application of DR. JOSEPH MORAN with Great Northern Life Insurance Company, Chicago, secured without disclosure additional leads. Insurance agent contacted with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. I. McGarraghy, New York City, dated 6/24/38.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</u></p> <p>MISS MARGARET FIEDLER, Director of Personnel, Great Northern Life Insurance Company, 110 South Dearborn Street, furnished photostatic copies of the file of that company concerning the application of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN for accident and health insurance, which was made on December 7, 1933, and officially rejected shortly thereafter. A review of these photostatic copies in conjunction with a review of the Chicago files in this case indicates that there is no information in the correspondence and application concerning which investigation has not already been conducted. The photostatic copies, therefore, are being enumerated below and forwarded to the Office of Origin. MISS FIEDLER informed that the "Subscriber #30" appearing on the photostatic sheet numbered 2, and dated December 13, 1933, refers to the Preferred Accident Insurance Company of New York City, reference to which is made in the report of reference. The applica-</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7 1576 - 11477 <i>[Handwritten notes and stamps]</i>	
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tion marked #1 indicates that the insurance agent, who contacted DR. MORAN, was LLOYD D. VASS.

LLOYD D. VASS, at his home 3828 North Monticello Avenue, recalled that he had been engaged in a house to house canvass on the western part of Irving Park Blvd. and in that way had met DR. MORAN, who seemed very impatient to secure an accident and health insurance policy. MORAN'S impatience was evidenced by the fact that he filled in all the information contained on the reverse side of the application form except that in the sub-division numbered 5, which is the handwriting of VASS. It is thought that this may be of some value as a handwriting specimen.

VASS after the application had been rejected had no further contact with MORAN, and although he was questioned at some length in regard to his conversation with MORAN, MORAN'S activities, etc., it was obvious he could furnish no information.

VASS informed that the report headed "Chicago Service Bureau", signed THOMAS HANSEN, and dated December 21, 1933, was merely a routine investigation of MORAN'S statement by the Chicago Service Bureau, which is an insurance information clearing house. In view of the information furnished on this sheet, it is not believed that THOMAS HANSEN would possess information in addition to that already in the files of this Bureau.

It was later learned from MISS FIEDLER that additional information in connection with this individual may be found in the office of the Recording & Statistical Corporation, Box 1388, Boston, Massachusetts, which was formerly known as the Medical Impairment Bureau, and which is a clearing house for medical information subscribed to by various insurance companies. Two copies of instant report are being forwarded to the Boston Office for its information in the event the Office of Origin desires investigation at the Recording & Statistical Corporation, in the event same has not already been done.

ENCLOSURES:

TO THE CINCINNATI OFFICE:

1. Obverse and reverse of application to Accident & Health Department, Great Northern Life Insurance Company, dated December 7, 1933, and signed by applicant JOSEPH P. MORAN, M.D.
2. Confidential inquiry to Subscriber #30 from Great Northern Life Insurance Company dated December 13, 1933.
3. Report on JOSEPH P. MORAN made by insurance inspector THOMAS HANSEN dated December 21, 1933.
4. Letter Great Northern Life Insurance Company to DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN dated December 22, 1933, advising that his application has been rejected.
5. Letter Great Northern Life Insurance Company to L. D. VASS December 22, 1933, in the same connection.

All the above are photostatic copies.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago Illinois

PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL

July 26, 1938

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I desire to advise that confidential informant [redacted] informed the writer on July 25, 1938, that he had heard that Congressman CHAUNCEY W. REED of Du Page County, Illinois, had about five or six months ago obtained \$1,000.00 from unknown parties in return for his promise that he would arrange to have ELMER FARMER removed to some other institution from Alcatraz Island. [redacted] REED is now in possession of a letter presumably from the Department of Justice, possibly the Bureau of Prisons, advising that FARMER will be removed from Alcatraz in the near future.

I thought that the Bureau would be interested in receiving this information. It might be possible for the Bureau to check as to the possible removal of FARMER and to determine whether Congressman REED was in fact instrumental in effecting such a transfer.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd
D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dewey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth ✓
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Tracy
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 3, 1938

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREKID

Special Agent in Charge Ladd of the Chicago Office has advised that confidential informant [redacted] informed him on July 25, 1938, he had heard that Congressman Chauncey W. Reed of Du Page County, Illinois, had about five or six months ago obtained \$1,000.00 from unknown parties in return for his promise to arrange to have Elmer Farmer removed to some other Federal penal institution from Alcatraz Island. [redacted] stated Congressman Reed is now in possession of a letter presumably from the Department of Justice advising that Farmer will be removed from Alcatraz in the near future.

Elmer Farmer was indicted January 22, 1935, by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota and charged with conspiracy to transport Edward George Bremer from St. Paul, Minnesota to Bensenville, Illinois, after Bremer had been kidnaped and held for ransom in the amount of \$200,000.00. Farmer was convicted of that charge and on June 7, 1935, was sentenced by the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, to serve twenty years in a Federal penal institution.

An employee of the file room made an examination of the Department file relating to Elmer Farmer and failed to find therein a letter from Congressman Reed relating to a proposed transfer of Farmer from Alcatraz Penitentiary.

Respectfully,
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN

On July 25, 1938, [redacted] informant of this Bureau, who resides [redacted] advised a Special Agent of this Bureau that he had heard that Congressman Chauncey W. Reed of Du Page County, Illinois, had about five or six months ago obtained \$1,000 from unknown parties in return for his promise to have Elmer Farmer removed to some other penal institution from Alcatraz. The informant in this instance advised that Congressman Reed is now in possession of a letter, presumably from the Department of Justice, advising that Farmer will be removed from Alcatraz in the near future.

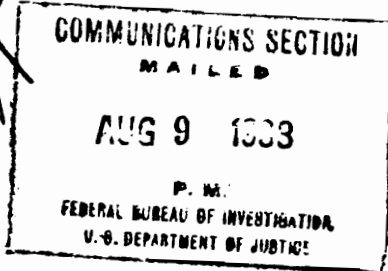
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The above is being furnished you for your confidential information, and I will appreciate your cooperation in protecting the source of the information in this particular instance.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
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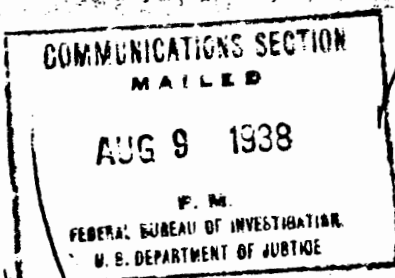
Transmitted herewith, for your confidential information, is a copy of a memorandum dated August 9, 1938, for Honorable Joseph B. Keenan, The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____



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July 22, 1938

Mr. Joseph M. Stephenson
Editor
News-Times
South Bend, Indiana

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

The editorial "The Real Culprits" which appeared in the July 3, 1938 issue of the News-Times has been called to my attention, and I wanted to express to you my deep appreciation for your approbation of this Bureau's elimination of the remaining members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

As you have indicated in your column, the individuals who harbor notorious criminals in their depredations as such a faster sore to honest law enforcement as the individuals they attempt to protect.

It is only by the eradication of such elements that aid and assist, under a cloak of respectability, the desperate criminals to flaunt the laws of our country that modern gangsterism may be completely stifled.

May I assure you of this Bureau's desire to always merit your esteem.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

CC - Indianapolis

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
July 28, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID
HUGA

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 25, 1938, (7-576; 91-493), wherein the Bureau desires advice as to whether or not the appropriate United States Attorney had been contacted relative to the disposition of the firearms in connection with the HUNT-GANT investigation.

This is to advise you that the Bureau was requested in letter of May 5, 1938, to advise concerning the disposition of said firearms, and in letter of May 17, 1938, the Bureau advised that "Since it appears that the prosecution of HUNT and GANT has been completed in both the Birmingham and Miami Field Divisions, the firearms presently in your possession should be forwarded to the Bureau for appropriate disposition."

There is nothing in the file at the present time to indicate that the United States Attorney had been contacted relative to the disposition of these guns. In view of Bureau instructions contained in letter of May 17, 1938, it was not deemed necessary to contact any United States Attorney relative to the disposition of said guns.

Very truly yours,

A. C. Rutzen
A. C. Rutzen
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
July 28, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID;
HUGA.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 25, 1938, (7-576; 91-493), concerning the transmittal of firearms in connection with the Bremer and Hunt-Gant investigations.

Please be advised that the docket of the U. S. District Court at Jacksonville, Florida, discloses that on May 4, 1938, Warrant of Seizure and Monition Returned was executed by the United States Marshal. Also on May 4, 1938, Proof of Publication was filed. Under date of June 29, 1938, Federal Judge LOUIE W. STRUM signed an Order of Default and Forfeiture relating to Browning Automatic Rifle, which gun had been recovered from the possession of JOSEPH H. ADAMS at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, in connection with the investigation in the BREKID case.

Judge STRUM ordered that information and libel filed herein against the said One Browning Automatic Rifle be and the same is hereby taken and confessed as against all parties interested in said Browning Automatic Rifle, and ordered and adjudged that same be forfeited to the United States of America, and further ordered that said rifle be delivered by the United States Marshal to the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Miami, Florida, to be by him delivered to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for official use.

Assistant United States Attorney DAMON YERKES was instrumental in bringing about the above disclosed procedure. It is obvious he had knowledge relative to the disposition of this gun.

Very truly yours,

A. C. Rutzen
A. C. Rutzen,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Joplin Mo
July 29 1938

John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington D. C.

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Crowl	.....
Mr. Davis	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Dear Sir:

I am writing you on behalf of my brother Volney Davis, Number 271. Residing in building 68 at Alcatraz Island, Since he has been there three years and has been a model prisoner never having caused the guards or attendants any kind of trouble. And has worked at the jobs assigned him faithfully and without complaint, knowing these things have caused us to be grateful and considerate toward him. He is all the brother I have. Mother & Father having raised six children five daughters and a son. We girls have always obeyed the laws and lived right. We have always loved our brother as any right feeling people would and have been very badly upset over his getting into this trouble.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Volney has a good heart and really loves his parents and sisters. He was never any thing but good to everyone of us. He never spoke to him

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loving him no matter what he's done.
My father and of course Volney will be
seventyfour years old in September
he is in very poor health has heart
trouble and stomach trouble. My
Mother is sixty four in December
and has given her lifes blood for
her children and husband. Both
are upright God loving people and
always have been good friends and
neighbors in any community they have
lived in. They are not financially
able and neither or any of his sister
to go to Alcatraz and visit him -

What I am asking may be
a great favor, But I hope I am not
asking in vain. Would it be poss-
ible to transfer him to some place
not so far from us where we could
get to see him once in a while.
He is only thirty five Mr. Hoover and
every hair in his head has turned
grey. I dont say he has served his
punishment But he has repented it
over and over. And I know if you
would transfer him to ~~Leavenworth~~ ^{Leavenworth}
Kansas where he could get to see
some of us once in a while he

could at least feel he had not hurt us
to greatly. My Father and Mother are
greatly burdened for him and so are
we sisters we or he may live to see
each other again under the arrang-
ements he is under now. If you
can grant this permission God will-
ing I will be grateful to you for
the rest of my life - Please do what
you can in this matter and
I am thanking God for a man who
has done the good ~~work~~ work you
have been lead to do.

With all respect and
sincerity, I am yours Truly

MRS RAYMOND ANKRUH

Mrs Raymond Ankruhm

214 E. 7th St.
Joplin Mo.

P.S. I would be eternally and sincerely
grateful if you would recommend
this transfer to the Honorable Homer
Cummings Attorney General of the United
States.

Mr. R. Q. Antkowiak
214 East 7th St.
Joplin Mo.



Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

COPY

Joplin, Mo.
July 29, 1938

John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

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Volney has a good heart and really loves his parents and sisters - he was never anything but good to everyone of us. He never tried to hurt us in any way. So we could not help loving him no matter what he's done. My father and of course, Volney's, will be seventy-four years old in September. He is in very poor health, has heart trouble and stomach trouble. My Mother is sixty-four in December and has given her life's blood for her children and husband. Both are upright God-loving people and always have been good friends and neighbors in any community they have lived in. They are not financially able and neither or any of his sisters to go to Alcatraz and visit him.

What I am asking may be a great favor, but I hope I am not asking in vain. Would it be possible to transfer him to some place not so far from us where we could get to see him once in a while. He is only thirty-five Mr. Hoover, and every hair in his head has turned grey. I don't say he has served his punishment, but he has repented it over and over. And I know if you would transfer him to Leavenworth Kansas where he could get to see some of us once in a while he would at least feel he had not hurt us to greatly. My Father and Mother are greatly burdened for him, and so are we sisters. We or he may not live to see each other again under the arrangements he's under now. If you can grant this permission God willing I will be grateful to you for the rest of my life. Please do what you can in this matter and I am thanking God for a man who has done the good work you have been lead to do.

With all respect and sincerity,

Yours truly,

P.S. - I would be eternally and sincerely grateful if you would

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August 10, 1938

Mrs. Raymond Ankrum
214 East Seventh Street
Joplin, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Ankrum:

This will acknowledge your letter dated July 29, 1938, wherein you request that I arrange to transfer your brother Volney Davis from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, to a penitentiary within the vicinity of your mother's home, in order that you and your relatives may have an opportunity to visit him.

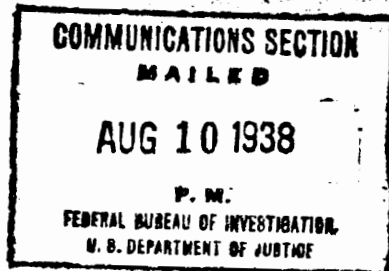
Please be advised that the transfer of prisoners from one penitentiary to another is within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and I am referring copies of your letter to the Director of that bureau for such attention as he deems appropriate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

cc Kansas City



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August 10, 1938

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF PRISONS**

I am inclosing herewith copies of a letter received from Mrs. Raymond Ankrum, 214 East Seventh Street, Joplin, Missouri, dated July 29, 1938, who is a sister of Volney Davis, number 271, incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, for your information and such attention as you deem appropriate.

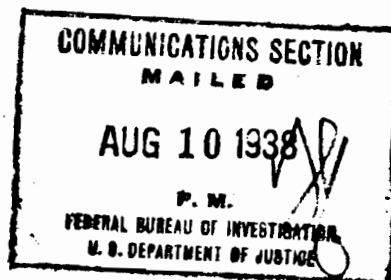
I have advised the writer of this reference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Inclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____



June the 7 1938
502 South Walnut at Bristow Okla
Dear Mr Farland 2

Have Written Jon this makes 3 letters
my. Don Volney Davis Has asked
me to Write and tell Jon that
he was under such a strain the
day Jon was there to talk to him
that he just could not set and ~~talk~~
he said he thought he had ^{talked} said
all to Jon at Levensworth that
he new to ^{pay} and his life would
be in danger if Pertson ones saw
him talking to Jon gun men in
that place he said tell Jon he was
so nervous that day for Jon to forgive him
he said he felt Jon was his friend and could
help him latter on if Jon would he said he
Hoped Jon would see the condition over

and m^r be mad w^t Him
m^r Garland we traded are littel
farm for Property in Bristow aka
we live hear now Haping for
the Best luck in this world
I remain your friend and I
am valneys Davis mather
so Pleas anser this tell me
How valney loacked When
Jon was down thair and if
Jon ever can Help him I
Hape Jon Will I gat a good
litter from him 2 days a go
he aske me if Jon Had ever rate me
said tell Jon he Was sorry Thanges
was like thay are he said he Was
well and Getting a long fine Yours truly
from Mrs Rodney Davis Pleas anser
this

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Mrs Rodney Davis
602 So Walnut st
BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA



to Mrs Garland Speichel
agent
at 1616 Federal Bld
Personal ~~Kansas~~ City
Kansas Mo

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
July 28, 1938

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; GRACE GOLDSTEIN,
with aliases, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE
BREMER, VICTIM. KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION
OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES:
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

I am forwarding herewith a letter received
by Special Agent A. E. FARLAND of this office from Mrs.
RODNEY DAVIS, mother of VOLNEY DAVIS, a convict now at
Alcatraz Island, who was implicated in the above entitled
case.

Mrs. DAVIS gives her address at this
time as 502 So. Walnut St., Bristow, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. Pieper
N. J. L. PIEPER, *act*
Special Agent in Charge

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
July 30, 1938

Mr. C. E. Hanlon,
Postmaster,
Cass, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for your assistance and cooperation in connection with mail tracing concerning Ray M. Collins.

You may discontinue the cover on the mail of Collins.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 7/30/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/27/38	REPORT MADE BY P. A. PRATT (A) djo
TITLE GEORGE TIMINNEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>W</i></p> <p><i>RECEIVED</i></p> <p><i>DIVISION</i></p> <p><i>SEP 1 1938</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Present whereabouts of BEN AVERY unknown by Sheriff FRED KING, Rolla, Mo. AVERY advised he was going to southeast Missouri. Fayetteville, Ark. given as address on register Rolla Hotel. Mgr. W. M. KRONE states he has no information as to AVERY's present address.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RUC</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. L. SCOTT, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 6/24/38.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT ROLLA, MISSOURI:</u></p> <p>Agent interviewed Sheriff FRED KING regarding the present address of BEN AVERY. Sheriff KING stated that AVERY had originally been sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary on a forgery charge from Rolla, Missouri; that this had occurred in May, 1937, at which time AVERY was living at the Rolla Hotel. He stated that upon AVERY's completing his sentence at the penitentiary, he had returned to Rolla and had reported to him; that he spent approximately one week in Rolla, residing again at the Rolla Hotel, and had then advised him that he was going to Southeast Missouri. Sheriff KING stated that he had no information as to the town in Southeast Missouri where AVERY could be located and that he had received no communication from AVERY since his departure from Rolla; that he did not know where any of AVERY's relatives reside and could furnish no information concerning him.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>G. B. Morris</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Chief of Police ROWE FORT, Rolla, Missouri, stated he was acquainted with BEN AVERY; that he had arrested him on the forgery charge but that he knew nothing concerning AVERY's present location.

At the Rolla Hotel, agent interviewed Manager W. M. KRONE, who stated that he recalled BEN AVERY having stopped at this hotel and produced the hotel register, which, upon examination by agent, disclosed that BEN AVERY had first registered at this hotel on April 14, 1937, at which time he gave his address as Fayetteville, Arkansas. KRONE stated that it was during his stay in 1937 that AVERY was arrested on a forgery charge and sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary; that during the first part of June 1938 he had returned to the hotel, having left some clothes there prior to his being incarcerated, and stayed in the hotel from a Saturday until the following Wednesday. Examination of the hotel register shows BEN AVERY's signature, no date being shown but shortly prior to June 9, 1938, which is the first date shown after AVERY's signature. KRONE stated that a letter had been received at the hotel for AVERY from the Missouri State Penitentiary a short time after he had left town and had been returned to the addresser, as the address of AVERY was unknown at the hotel. He further advised that AVERY had left a small grip containing some of his work clothes as security for unpaid board and room, but that he (KRONE) had received no instructions from AVERY as to the disposition of the same and was still holding them pending AVERY's payment of the bill.

Agent examined the contents of this grip and found it to contain white overalls similar to the type worn by painters, sign painter's brushes and miscellaneous tools, including wrenches and screw drivers. No information was obtained from the examination of these clothes that might assist in the location of AVERY.

For the information of the Little Rock Office, BEN AVERY, former inmate #49408 of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, who was conditionally released therefrom on May 30, 1938, advised FRED W. LEWIS, Inmate #5041, Missouri State Penitentiary, during his incarceration, that prior to his entering prison he had met a woman who operated a five-acre chicken farm near Gallatin, Tennessee, who was supposed to have in her possession about \$30,000.00 of the Bremer Kidnap money; that the woman was supposed to have gotten the money from VOLNEY DAVIS and that this woman allegedly corresponds with a sister of VOLNEY DAVIS who lives near Neosho, Missouri (name unknown). AVERY is supposed to have put about \$400.00 of this money into circulation prior to his incarceration in the aforementioned prison and the woman referred to above is supposed to have spent about \$1,000.00 of it.

For the further information of the Little Rock Office, there is being transmitted herewith with copies of this report a photograph of BEN AVERY giving descriptive data and criminal history.

Investigation at the Post Office, Rolla, Missouri, failed to disclose any information as to BEN AVERY, no address for such an individual being shown on the records.

ENCLOSURE: TO LITTLE ROCK OFFICE: 1 photograph of BEN AVERY,
Missouri State Penitentiary #49408.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

AT FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Will locate and interview BEN AVERY to determine whether or not he has any information along the lines set out in the body of this report. In the event he is located, no mention should be made of the name of FRED W. LEWIS, as the foregoing information was received from LEWIS confidentially.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

PEF:JHR

August 1, 1938.

Time-11:14 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Cassius MacDonald.

While talking with SAC Brantley at Kansas City, I was told that he had been asked some time ago to ascertain when the wife of Cassius MacDonald goes to the penitentiary at Leavenworth. I was told that she is in the penitentiary this morning visiting her husband. She gave her address as Grand Rapids, Michigan. As far as is known, she was alone at the penitentiary.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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August 3, 1938
Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID.

Number: 7-576-14996

Specimens:

See attached sheet

Examination requested by:

Cincinnati

Date received:

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(13690
13535
14991)

Examination requested:

Firearms

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Baughman

The specimen listed as K7 has been previously examined in the Technical Laboratory and it is noted that this gun may now be permanently disposed of. Accordingly it is being placed with other weapons awaiting permanent disposition. The cartridges listed as specimen K8 have been compared with all specimens of that same type taken from weapons previously examined in the Brekid case. The cartridge cases have been identified as having been fired in Thompson Submachine Gun #7607 which was recovered at Little Rock, Arkansas and was forwarded to the Bureau by the Little Rock Field Division under date of June 6, 1938.

The specimens listed as K9 have been compared with all test specimens of their same type taken from weapons heretofore examined in the Brekid case but no identification has been effected.

The specimens listed as K10 have been compared with all specimens of that type from weapons in the Brekid case but no identification has been effected.

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The specimen listed as K11 has been identified as having been fired in the Thompson Submachine Gun bearing serial #7609 and listed as having been the weapon used to fire the specimens listed as K8.

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Laboratory Report

SPECIMENS:

- 7-576-14996 K7, .32 caliber Spanish revolver marked C.H., serial # 11. (previously submitted).
- K8, Four .45 caliber cartridge cases and one flattened .45 caliber cartridge projectile, in envelope marked #1.
- K9, .45 caliber projectile, metal jacketed, as fired, and one metal jacket from .45 projectile, in envelope marked #2.
- K10, Two .22 caliber cartridge cases in envelope marked #3.
- K11, .45 caliber projectile fired by suspects Karpis and Campbell, in envelope marked #4.

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
July 30, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: GEORGE TIMINNEY, with aliases;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; Et Al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

A review of the file in this case in
Kansas City, Missouri fails to indicate any outstanding
leads in this district requiring investigative atten-
tion for which reason the case is being treated as re-
ferred upon completion.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

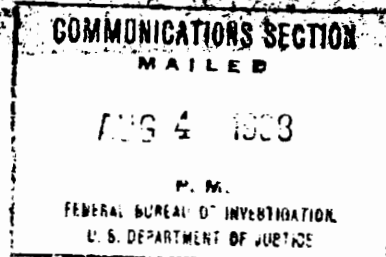
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 23, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Chicago
Philadelphia
St. Paul
Little Rock

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT Miami, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE 8/3/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/21/38	REPORT MADE BY R. A. ALT
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al. Edward George Bremer, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</p> <p style="transform: rotate(-90deg);">RECEIVED DIVISION ONE AUG - 8 PM 5:11 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>No additional ransom bills in this case located in New Smyrna, Florida.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>Bureau letter dated June 30, 1938, (7-576).</p> </div> </div>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT NEW SMYRNA, FLORIDA.</p> <p>Immigration Patrol Inspectors ONAS F. LOWERY and ROBERT L. CLANCE advised that FRANK GARRITY, 401 Louise Avenue, called on them some time ago and informed that some people who acted rather peculiar were living in the house where former Subject BILL WEAVER resided when apprehended by Bureau Agents in 1935, and that in a conversation with them GARRITY inquired if all of the ransom money paid in the BREMER case had been accounted for.</p> <p>Inspectors LOWERY and CLANCE stated that GARRITY is an unemployed railroad man with a detective complex, and that he is constantly worrying them by furnishing information relative to certain law violators, which is always erroneous and of no value.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. C. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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FRANK GARRITY was contacted at his home at 401 Louise Avenue. He stated that he knew nothing about any ransom money paid in the BREMER kidnaping case. He stated he inquired of the Immigration Officers whether all of the money had been accounted for simply for his own information. This inquiry came up when he was talking to the Inspectors about the suspicious-appearing people that are now residing in the home occupied by Subject BILL WEAVER when he was apprehended near Allendale, Florida in 1935 by Bureau Agents. He stated his suspicions were aroused when he called at this house to purchase junk and the persons residing therein would not furnish him with certain information that he had requested.

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404 NEW YORK BUILDING
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 6, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: BREMER

Reference is had to your letter of August 1, 1938, in which you ask to be informed as to the present status of any and all indictments still outstanding against the subjects in this case at St. Paul.

Report of Special Agent E. W. Notestein, St. Paul, 3-17-37, contains a review of the Bremer kidnaping case showing the following dispositions of the various indictments returned therein at St. Paul, Minnesota:

"Docket No. 6096 charging conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer."

Arthur R. Barker
Elmer Farmer
Harold Alderton
John J. McLaughlin, Sr.
James J. Wilson
Oliver A. Berg

tried and found guilty by jury; Elmer Farmer pleaded guilty during trial.

Philip J. Delaney
William E. Vidler

tried and acquitted

Jess Doyle
Edna Murray
"Whitie" true name
Bruno Austin or Putas.

case dismissed

Volney Davis
Byron Bolton

entered pleas of guilty

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Alvin Karpis
 Harry Campbell
 William Weaver
 Harry Sawyer
 William J. Harrison
 Joseph P. Moran
 Myrtle Eaton
 John Doe
 Richard Roe

not arraigned; cases
 still pending.

Docket No. 6095 charging kidnaping of Edward
 G. Bremer.

The only person to plead guilty to this indictment was Byron Bolton, and he was sentenced on that plea of guilty. The defendants who were arraigned and entered pleas of not guilty were Arthur R. Barker, Elmer Farmer, Harold Anderson, Harry Sawyer, William Weaver. No disposition was made of their cases, however. Other defendants named were never arraigned. The case is pending as to the following named defendants:

Alvin Karpis
 Arthur R. Barker
 Volney Davis
 Harry Campbell
 Elmer Farmer
 William Weaver

Harry Sawyer
 William J. Harrison
 John Doe
 Richard Roe
 Harold Alderton

Docket No. 6174 charging conspiracy to kidnap
 Edward G. Bremer.

On September 27, 1935, the conspiracy indictment (6096) was enlarged to include Cassius McDonald. The following dispositions were made in this case:

Harry Sawyer
 Cassius McDonald
 William Weaver

} Tried and found guilty by
 jury

Harry Campbell) Entered plea of guilty.

Alvin Karpis
Arthur Barker
Volney Davis
William J. Harrison
Byron Bolton
Elmer Farmer
Harold Alderton

Not arraigned.
Case still pending.

You will observe that the indictment charging the substantive offense is pending as to all defendants, save and except Byron Bolton, who entered a plea of guilty to same, and that the conspiracy indictments #6096 and #6174 are still pending as to the defendants named above."

Report of Special Agent E. H. Notestein, St. Paul, 12-10-37, reflects that the United States Attorney at St. Paul, upon court order dated April 6, 1937, has retired the pending indictments in the Bremer kidnaping case from the calendar; that no action has been taken by the Attorney General as to possible nolle of these indictments, and same will be maintained active in the United States Attorney's files at St. Paul.

The report of Special Agent E. H. Williams, St. Paul, 4-16-37, reflects that the pending indictments in the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases at St. Paul which have appeared on the calendar from time to time were on the motion of the United States Attorney stricken from the calendar by the court, and the court further ordered and directed the clerk to hold such indictments in her office until further ordered by the court. By this procedure the indictments still remain alive and are withheld in the clerk's office without any disposition.

The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota has advised regarding the subjects in this case presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz that no detainers would be filed against them except on specific instructions from the Attorney General of the

United States, and in the event these subjects are
paroled at some future date; that otherwise no further
prosecutive action is contemplated by the United States
Attorney at St. Paul.

The status of this case in the St. Paul Office
is that it has been referred upon completion to the office
of origin.

Very truly yours,

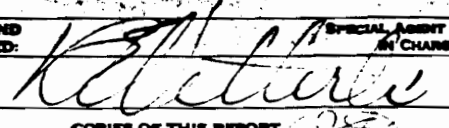
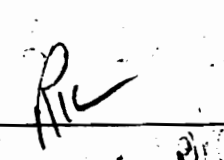
ROBERT C. HENDON,
Special Agent in Charge

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Little Rock

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.** **N.Y.** FILE NO. **7-120 - pb**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 8/11/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/3/38	REPORT MADE BY J. B. DICKERSON
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY. DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232. ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. HARBORING OF FUGITIVES. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>In 1926, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN made application for insurance policy with the Preferred Accident Insurance Company, New York City. Application made through <u>WILLIAM S. MASON</u>, Insurance Agent, La Salle, Ill. Risk not accepted by insurance company and application has been destroyed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, New York City, dated 5/28/38. Report of Special Agent F. I. McGarraghy, New York City, dated 6/24/38.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>At the office of the <u>PREFERRED ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY</u>, 80 Maiden Lane, New York City, the writer interviewed <u>MR. WILLIAM BEASLEY</u>, superintendent of this company, to locate the application made by DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN for insurance with that company and to secure from that application such information as might aid in the location of DR. MORAN.</p> <p>MR. BEASLEY advised, after having a search</p>			
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made, that the application for insurance with that company made by DR. MORAN in 1926 had been destroyed; that the only information they had relative to this matter was contained on the index card. The index card reflects that JOSEPH P. MORAN of La Salle, Ill., applied for insurance with that company and furnished the following information:

That he was a physician and surgeon, 29 years old, born May 8, 1896, 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, weight 148 lbs. This index card further reflects that MORAN submitted an application for a \$30,000 40th Ann. Accident and Health Policy. The card further reflects that owing to DR. MORAN'S having had a left breast amputated in 1918 during the War, that the company declined to accept the risk. This application was refused on January 2, 1926. It was ascertained from the index card that the application for insurance was made through WILLIAM S. MASON of La Salle, Ill.

MR. BEASLEY advised that WILLIAM S. MASON committed suicide about April, 1931, and that his son, WILLIAM S. MASON, Jr., then took over the insurance business in La Salle, Ill.; that in November, 1934, WILLIAM S. MASON, Jr., sold the business to the DUNCAN INSURANCE AGENCY. MR. BEASLEY advised that although the application had been destroyed, that it was possible that a copy of it might be in the possession of the DUNCAN INSURANCE COMPANY in the event that they secured the application and other papers from WILLIAM S. MASON at the time they purchased the insurance business from him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: CHICAGO OFFICE

At La Salle, Ill. - At the DUNCAN INSURANCE AGENCY, will ascertain whether or not they have copies of application for insurance made by DR. MORAN in 1926. This application was made to WILLIAM S. MASON for insurance with the PREFERRED ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY of New York City. In 1934, the DUNCAN INSURANCE AGENCY purchased the insurance business from

MASON. If the application or other papers are located, the Chicago Office should ascertain from them such other information as may aid in ascertaining the whereabouts of DR. MORAN.

NEW YORK OFFICE

* At Hartford, Conn. - Will interview MR. L. M. ROBOTHAM, Secretary of the Life Department of the TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY, and obtain all pertinent information from the application filed by subject MORAN with that company in 1934. This lead was originally set out in the report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, New York City, dated 5/28/37.

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August 19, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated August 10, 1938, from Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis, 502 South Walnut Street, Bristow, Oklahoma, the parents of Volney Davis, #271, incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, for your information and such attention as you may deem appropriate.

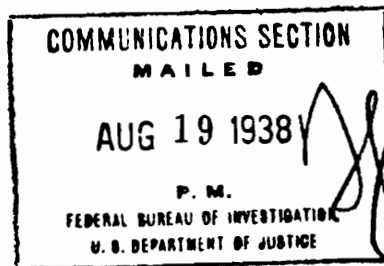
I have advised the correspondents of this reference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. McIntire	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....



August the 10 1938

502 Bristow abla

50 Walnut st

Dear Honarbel J. Edgar Hoover

I will at this time write you to
ask you to recommend my Boy
Volney Davis a transfer to one
of the Prisons in the interior so he
could have a chance to visit his mother
more time in this world rather than
Levensworth Kansas we are ~~at~~ Atlanta Georgia
We are both getting old his father is
74 and we can never go as far as
Alcatraz as we are not able and we
would sure love to see him one more
time before we pass from this world.
Hope he lives to be a law abiding citizen
yet in this old world he rate some
letters at Levensworth that was supposed
to be his in making that prison

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can do far to aide my son will
be filley appreciated by me and
all so valneys father this

from Mr and Mrs
R. E. DAVIS
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R. E. Davis answer

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August the 10th, 1933
502 Bristow Okla.
So. Walnut St.

Dear Honarbel J. Edgar Hoover

I will at this time write you to aske you to recommend my Boy Volney Davis a transfer to one of the Prisons in the inerior so we could have a chance to visit him one more time in this world eather Levensworth Kansas are Atlanta Georgia. We are Bouth getting old his father is 74 and we can never go as far as Alcatraz as we are not abel and we would love to see him one more time before we can die. I hope he will be a law abiding citizen in this old world he wrote some letters at Levensworth that was suposed to be put on file in Washing they promest thair to get his sentence cut for him telling the gun men, some thinks that they found out to be the truth they was suposed to Copp those letters and send me a Coppy of them are his letter one but they never did I have written to Mr. Farland and can't get any ansers at all about them- he noes all about them

Now Mr. Hoover what ever you can do for me to aide my son will be hiley apreashed by me and all so Volney's father this from

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis

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502 So. Walnut St.
Bristow, Oklahoma.

I will note
the attorney encl

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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PAID

August 19, 1938

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis
502 South Walnut Street
Bristow, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Davis:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 10, 1938, in which you request that I arrange to transfer your son, Volney Davis, from Alcatraz Penitentiary to either Leavenworth, Kansas or Atlanta, Georgia, in order that you may have an opportunity to visit him.

Please be advised that the transfer of prisoners from one penitentiary to another is within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and I am therefore referring copies of your letter to Mr. James V. Bennett, Director of that Bureau, for such attention as he deems appropriate. Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

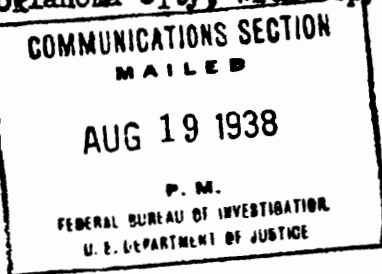
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cc Oklahoma City, with copy of incoming letter



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1130 Enquirer Building
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August 11, 1938.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the St. Paul office under date of August 6, 1938, relative to the status of the indictments still outstanding against the subjects in this case at St. Paul, Minn. From this it is noted that no further action at St. Paul is contemplated.

It is also noted that Indictment #6096 includes JOSEPH P. MORAN, subject of I.O. #1232 as one of the defendants. The I.O. on this subject indicates only that subject MORAN was wanted for questioning in connection with this case. In view of the fact that information developed in this case indicates rather definitely that subject MORAN was killed, it is suggested that the Identification Order on this subject should be cancelled at the present time and inasmuch as no indictment is mentioned it is believed that such cancellation might only show that subject MORAN is no longer wanted for questioning in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

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H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC St. Paul
Chicago

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August 18, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 11, 1938, suggesting that Identification Order No. 1232 on Joseph P. Moran be canceled.

You are advised that the Bureau does not at the present time deem it advisable to cancel the Identification Order on Moran.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - St. Paul
cc - Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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August 3, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN *HN*

For Mr. E. A. Tamm's information reference is made to the letter dated July 21, 1938 from the Cincinnati Field Division in the BREKID case on page two of which are listed certain bullets and cartridge cases recovered at Atlantic City, New Jersey following the battle in the Hotel Danmor with Karpis and Campbell in which Karpis and Campbell escaped from the Atlantic City Police. There is attached hereto a copy of the laboratory report covering the examination of these bullets and cartridge cases. It will be noted that the specimens listed as K9 and K10 have not been identified. The letter from the Cincinnati Field Division states that in the event no identification is effected the unidentified specimens may be destroyed. It is requested that the laboratory be advised what disposition should be made of these unidentified specimens.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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August 3, 1938

Laboratory Report

Case: BREKID

Number: 7-576-14996

Specimens:

See attached sheet

Examination requested by: Cincinnati

Date received: 7-23-38

Examination requested: Firearms

Result of examination:

Examination by:

The specimen listed as K7 has been previously examined in the Technical Laboratory and it is noted that this gun may now be permanently disposed of. Accordingly, it is being placed with other weapons awaiting permanent disposition. The cartridge cases listed as specimen K8 have been compared with all specimens of that same type taken from weapons previously examined in the Brekid case. The cartridge cases have been identified as having been fired in Thompson Submachine Gun #7609 which was recovered at Little Rock, Arkansas and was forwarded to the Bureau by the Little Rock Field Division under date of June 6, 1936.

The specimens listed as K9 have been compared with all test specimens of their same type taken from weapons heretofore examined in the Brekid case but no identification has been effected.

The specimens listed as K10 have been compared with all specimens of that type from weapons in the Brekid case but no identification has been effected.

The specimen listed as K11 has been identified as having been fired in the Thompson Submachine Gun bearing serial #7609 and listed as having been the weapon used to fire the specimens listed as K8.

- 1 Bureau
- 2 Cincinnati
- 1 Chicago
- 1 Philadelphia
- 1 St. Paul
- 1 Little Rock
- 1 Laboratory

7-576-15013

PREVIOUS RECORD OF

Laboratory Report

SPECIMENS:

- 7-576-14996 K7, .32 caliber Spanish revolver marked C. H., serial # ell (previously submitted).
K8, Four .45 caliber cartridge cases and one flattened .45 caliber cartridge projectile, in envelope marked #1.
K9, .45 caliber projectile, metal jacketed, as fired, and one metal jacket from .45 projectile, in envelope marked #2.
K10, Two .22 caliber cartridge cases in envelope marked #3.
K11, .45 caliber projectile fired by suspects Karpis and Campbell, in envelope marked #4.

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August 10, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Re: BREKID

by
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Reference is made to the memorandum for Mr. Nathan, dated August 3, 1938, by Mr. E. P. Coffey, wherein it is requested that the Technical Laboratory be advised as to what disposition should be made of unidentified specimens in the above entitled matter.

Please be advised that it is desired that appropriate photographs of the unidentified specimens be made in order that they may be maintained in the Bureau files. After these photographs are made, the specimens may be destroyed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



Aug-8-38

Dear Sirs: —

In my search for material on Ma Barker, her sons and Alvin Karpis, I found two, 1936 American magazines with articles on Ma and Alvin by J. Edgar Hoover with C. D. Cooper. I am anxious to obtain more information about these character especially about the Barker life. I will gladly send the postage for any magazines or articles about them. I will appreciate any information.

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Very truly yours,
Dorothy Baker

DOROTHY BAKER

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August 24, 1938

Dear Miss Knox:

You may be sure that I appreciate the courtesy which prompted you to write as you did, but I regret very much to inform you that we do not have available for general distribution the information you desire. However, it occurred to me that you might like to read some of our publications pertaining to the activities and personnel of this Bureau and, with that thought in mind, I am enclosing herewith several booklets and pamphlets which I hope you will find of interest and value.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

- ✓ Public duty
- ✓ UCR 9-2;9-1
- ✓ FBI
- ✓ Selection and training
- ✓ Criminal ident
- ✓ Pioneering in honesty
- ✓ Crime and
- ✓ Accomplishments

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/15/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/2/38	REPORT MADE BY J. L. BRENNAN JLB:LM
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Check of docket in office of Clerk of U. S. District Court, Chicago, Ill., revealed case vs. **MATTHEW GLEASON** was stricken from docket with leave to reinstate 12/30/37 by order of U. S. District Court **JUDGE WILLIAM H. HOLLY**. On 9/29/37 order entered by **JUDGE HOLLY** cancelling bond of **GLEASON** and releasing him on his own recognizance.

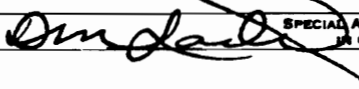
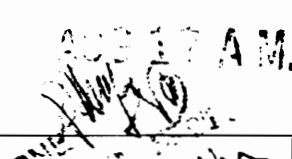
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9/26/36.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

A check of the docket in the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Chicago, revealed that under docket #28791, **MATTHEW GLEASON** alias **MAT GLEASON**, vs. the United States, an order was entered by United States District Court **JUDGE WILLIAM H. HOLLY** December 30, 1937, striking this case from the docket with leave to reinstate. It was also noted that on September 29, 1937, an order was entered by United States District Court **JUDGE HOLLY** cancelling the bond of the defendant in the amount of \$3,000, releasing the sureties, and also releasing the defendant on his own recognizance.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES OF THIS REPORT Bureau - 3 Cincinnati - 2 Chicago - 2	<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">7-576-15015</div> <div style="font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">AUG 17 1938</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.		CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82	
REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/17/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/28/38	REPORT MADE BY G. F. BICKLEY GFB:MC
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS</p> <p><i>[Vertical Stamp: DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, AUG 20 1938]</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>Inspection of photostat copy of application made by DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with the Continental Assurance Company, Chicago, Illinois, discloses no additional leads.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. C. LESLIE, dated May 27, 1938, at New York City.</p> </div> </div>			
DETAILS:			
<p>MR. H. W. LARUE, Secretary of the Continental Insurance Company located at 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, caused a complete search to be made of the files of that company but was unable to find any record wherein DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN had ever made application for any type of insurance with that company. MR. LARUE at this time advised that this company offers no life insurance but mostly deals with fire, wind, theft and allied lines. It was suggested by MR. LARUE that possibly Agent had reference to the Continental Assurance Company with offices in the Standard Oil Building, Chicago.</p> <p>MR. A. J. CAMPBELL, Chief Underwriter for the Continental Assurance Company with offices located on the tenth floor of the Standard Oil Building at Chicago, after a search of their files, produced for Agent an application blank that had been filled out by DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN on January 8, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois. This application blank indicated that the applicant was born in Spring Valley, Illinois, on May 8, 1895, and was presently residing at 4845 Irving Park Boulevard, and a further inspection of this application blank together with whatever papers were in the files of the Continental</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3-Bureau 2-Cincinnati (Enc.) 1-New York (Information) 2-Chicago		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">7 576 15016</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">AUG 20 1938</div>	
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Assurance Company disclosed that there was no information concerning which an investigation had not already been conducted in this case.

It will be noted from the photostatic copy of the application blank that the soliciting agent was one JAMES E. EDWARDS, 125 1/2 West Main Street, Ottawa, Illinois. It will also be noted from the report of Special Agent K. R. McINTYRE, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 20, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, page 43, that MR. JAMES E. EDWARDS has been thoroughly interviewed by Agents of this Bureau at Ottawa, Illinois. It was also noted from this application blank the statement that DR. MORAN had made application with the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company. This matter has also been covered by investigation.

The above application was for a \$5,000 ordinary life policy. The application was declined on January 16, 1934.

ENCLOSURE - TO CINCINNATI FIELD OFFICE: Photostatic copy of application blank filled out by DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with the Continental Assurance Company, Chicago, Illinois, on January 8, 1934.

PENDING

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio

August 19, 1936

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On August 18, 1936, Chief of Police RAY ALLEN of Toledo, Ohio, accompanied by Detective MERLE UNKLE, called at this office, and in the absence of Special Agent in Charge Al Rosen, talked to Special Agent J.B. Fitzgerald.

The Chief made special reference to the SWALLEY Swindle case which is presently being investigated by the Toledo Police Department and the Lucas County Ohio Prosecutor's Office. This case is known to our office as JOHN J. KRUMER, with aliases; et al; ORAL L. SWALLEY-Victim; National Stolen Property Act, Cleveland file #87-141.

Chief ALLEN stated that due to information that came to him in his investigation of this case and other swindle cases in Toledo, he is convinced that there is a direct connection between some of the officers of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department and confidence men who make their headquarters at the Secor and other hotels in Toledo.

The Chief stated that he is preparing to file charges against Captain GEORGE TIMINNEY and Detectives BREKMAN and HARTUNG of the Toledo Police Department to have them removed as police officers on charges of neglect of duty regarding confidence game swindles perpetrated in Toledo. The Chief stated because of the fact that these officers are under Civil Service, he must have a strong case against them in order to have them removed.

Chief ALLEN stated that he has been advised that this Bureau has investigated the SWALLEY case and is confident that it has in its possession information which will be of great value to him in obtaining the removal of the above named officers, who, he feels, are "crooked", and requested that information relative to these officers or any officers of the Toledo Police Department, which is contained in the Bureau files in this office, be made available to him to be used against these officers.

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Agent Fitzgerald neither affirmed or denied that there is such a case in this office; that the SWALLEY case has been investigated; or that any information had been obtained relative to Toledo police officers. It was suggested that the Chief be specific in his requests to which he stated that he did not know of any specific items of information which he wanted, but made a general request for whatever information the Bureau might have regarding the connection between confidence men and Toledo police officers.

Alvin Karpis
Crime Confidential
D. Grant

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Chief ALLEN then made a request for information which he said this office certainly has in its files regarding the BARKER-KARPIS case, that is, a telegram which was sent from Detective ART LANGENDORF to JOE ROSCOE or from ROSCOE to LANGENDORF during the time that ROSCOE was a fugitive, being sought by agents of this Bureau. In this connection it will be remembered that Special Agent in Charge T.W. Stapleton, at the instance of the Director, furnished to Chief ALLEN certain information relative to certain phases of the investigation of the BARKER-KARPIS gang at Toledo, as reported to the Bureau by letter dated December 17, 1937.

Chief ALLEN stated that he does not expect this Bureau to clean up the Toledo Police Department, but stated that he believes if this Bureau possesses information which would be of value to him in his attempt to clean up his own police department, this information should be made available to him. Apparently this was the argument upon which information was previously given to him as set forth in the letter cited above and apparently little has been done to clean up said department.

No admissions or promises of assistance were made to Chief ALLEN and his present request for information is being transmitted to the Bureau for its information.

Very truly yours,

AL ROSEN,
Special Agent in Charge

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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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August 12, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office to you under Personal and Confidential cover, dated May 21, 1938, in the Atlantic City White Slave case; and to your letter dated June 9, 1938, concerning the interview of Special Agent J. C. ELLSWORTH of this office with Acting Chief of Police Captain ARTHUR HIGBEE of the Atlantic City Police Department, on May 18, 1938.

This is to advise that I have made numerous attempts to find time to get in touch with Chief of Police JAMES A. McMENAMIN and Captain ARTHUR HIGBEE of the Atlantic City Police Department, and on August 9, 1938, I finally did get to see Chief of Police McMENAMIN and discuss with him the contents of your letter of June 9, 1938.

Concerning this interview with Chief McMENAMIN, I wish to state that it was ascertained by me that Captain ARTHUR HIGBEE was on the night shift, from midnight until eight the following morning. Therefore, it was not possible to talk to Captain HIGBEE, but I did talk to Chief of Police McMENAMIN and his secretary, Lieutenant MALLOY. During this interview, it was noted that Chief McMENAMIN is an insignificant sort of an individual who evidently does not know what goes on in his own department. He could not talk intelligently concerning the happenings on the occasion of the escape of KARPIS and CAMPBELL from Atlantic City; neither could he carry on a comprehensive conversation concerning any matters which we discussed. In this regard, it was noted that his secretary, Lieutenant MALLOY made it a point to be present during the time Chief McMENAMIN was interviewed, and I have been advised by Special Agent L. W. ARMS of this office that such is the occasion when anyone talks to Chief McMENAMIN. Special Agent ARMS tells me that on one occasion he went in to see Chief McMENAMIN and at that time his secretary made the statement that if Agent had anything to say to Chief McMENAMIN it must be said in the secretary's presence.

In connection with the Atlantic City escape of KARPIS and CAMPBELL, the Chief of Police evidently did not have any of the facts.

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Director

August 12, 1938

Lieutenant MALLOY did most of the talking. Lieutenant MALLOY stated that he and the members of his department had held the Bureau responsible for not advising the Atlantic City Police Department of the identities of KARPIS and CAMPBELL when the information was supplied them which led to the shooting scrape in which the Atlantic City police officers engaged with KARPIS and CAMPBELL. I explained thoroughly that this Bureau had no hand whatsoever in supplying the Atlantic City Police Department with information which did not disclose the identities of KARPIS and CAMPBELL, and that this information came, originally, to the Atlantic City Police Department from the Jacksonville, Florida, police.

I also explained that the Jacksonville, Florida, police had obtained their information from the Miami, Florida, Police Department, evidently, due to the fact that on the early morning of January 20, 1935, subsequent to the call received by Special Agent in Charge ALT from Special Agent in Charge HANSON at Miami to the effect that Mr. HANSON had ascertained from the Miami Police Department that KARPIS and DOLores DELANEY had left Miami on January 16 in a new Buick automobile, Agent in Charge ALT then communicated, telephonically, with the Jacksonville police, who apparently had this information prior to this telephone call, and therefore, Agent in Charge ALT had assumed that they had all of the details in connection therewith.

I also explained that we knew nothing whatsoever of the shooting engaged in between the Atlantic City police officers and KARPIS and CAMPBELL until 7 a.m. on the morning of July 20, 1935, when the information was transmitted by the Jacksonville, Florida, police to Special Agent in Charge ALT in Jacksonville, Florida.

Lieutenant MALLOY stated that he had been under the impression all along that this information had emanated from the Bureau and that the Bureau was withholding the identities of KARPIS and CAMPBELL for some reason, intimating that the Bureau was withholding the information as to the identities of these individuals, from all police departments. After I had explained to Lieutenant MALLOY, in the presence of Chief of Police McMENAMIN, that the Bureau had no part in giving out this information at that time, they both apparently felt satisfied and admitted that they had probably labored under a false impression. However, when I was ready to depart from Chief McMENAMIN'S office, Lieutenant MALLOY remarked that the Jacksonville Police Department had evidently "passed the buck" to the Bureau, which would indicate that the Jacksonville police did not take the responsibility for not advising the Atlantic City Police Department of the identities of KARPIS and CAMPBELL.

*7-11-38 Dept
Jacksonville, Fla.*

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Director

August 12, 1938

Both Chief of Police McMENAMIN and Lieutenant MALLOY apparently are satisfied, as they stated that they desired to co-operate with the Bureau in any way possible, and that past incidents have been forgotten by them, and they both hoped the feeling is mutual.

I did not go into detail relative to the detention of Officer MORTIMER HAYES by Special Agent J. D. MILENKY, due to the fact that it would apparently only tend to bring up more antagonism. However, I did mention the fact that I desired to talk to Captain HIGBEE concerning this incident. When this was mentioned by me, Lieutenant MALLOY asked why the Bureau had so detained Officer Mortimer Hayes, and I explained to him that it was necessary on this occasion and that an investigation in the matter had disclosed that Officer HAYES had been drinking, as the odor of alcohol was on his breath, and that his actions were very unbecoming to any police officer; that it was deemed necessary to take the action that the Bureau did in this regard, and that such would be the occasion the next time any officer interfered with the Bureau's functioning.

I stated that it was unfortunate that it had had to be done on this occasion, but that the Bureau had no apologies to offer and, in fact, still takes the position that the action taken was proper. Upon my making this remark, Lieutenant MALLOY and Chief of Police McMENAMIN stated that they had never in their lives heard of Officer MORTIMER HAYES taking a drink of beer or whiskey, and they were surprised to hear this, as they both have known Officer HAYES for a long number of years and both "know" that he does not indulge in intoxicants. From this remark it was noted that both Chief McMENAMIN and Lieutenant MALLOY were, in so many words, accusing Agent MILENKY and the others who have stated that HAYES had been drinking, of a falsehood, and I plainly told them he was drinking on this occasion, regardless of what they had thought of him in the past. I emphasized that the statements made by me relative to the fact that the Bureau deemed the action taken the proper action to take at that time, was in line with the Bureau, and that the Bureau would take the same stand on any incident of like character in the future.

Efforts were made to contact Police Commissioner WILLIAM S. CUTHBERT, but it was ascertained that he was on vacation and would not return to Atlantic City for approximately one week or ten days.

The next occasion I have to visit Atlantic City I expect to discuss this matter with Commissioner CUTHBERT and Captain ARTHUR HIGBEE, as it is apparent that these are the individuals through whom this Bureau should contact the Atlantic City Police Department.

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67-58 Newark P&C

Director

August 12, 1938

After a final analysis, I am of the impression that Chief of Police McMEMAMIN is dominated by his secretary, Lieutenant MALLOY, and that MALLOY is the type person who is headstrong and is not amenable to any commonsense reasoning. Therefore, it is not thought that any further interviews or conversation with him would accomplish anything; neither do I think it is advisable.

When I finally get to see Police Commissioner CUTHBERT and Captain HIGBEE, I am of the impression that the entire matter can be straightened out to the benefit of the Bureau, and I will report to you the results of such an interview when it has been consummated.

Very truly yours,

(S) A. P. Kitchin

A. P. KITCHIN
Special Agent in Charge

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7-576-15017

August 25, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 19, 1938, concerning the request of Chief of Police Ray Allen of Toledo, Ohio, for information regarding officers of his own Department. In order that the Bureau may immediately pass on this request, it is desired that you inform the Bureau in detail of the information which is available in your files concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

DJP:MS
92-473-2772

August 18, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: BREKID.

The Miami Field Division forwarded to the Bureau several weapons recovered in this and the BREKID case to be permanently disposed of. Upon checking the files it was found that a .25-30 Winchester rifle, serial number 867161, had not been previously examined in the Laboratory. Therefore, test bullets and cartridge cases from this gun were checked against all specimens of that same type in the Laboratory's file of unidentified ammunition specimens but no identification was made.

This gun, together with the others submitted, is being temporarily retained in the Laboratory's collection of firearms pending permanent disposition.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
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JAMES V. BENNETT
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your memorandum to Mr. Keenan relative to the case of Elmer Farmer, now an inmate of the Alcatraz Penitentiary.

I believe, however, that your informer must have been misinformed because according to the files of this Bureau Congressman Reed addressed a letter to me, stating that the sister of Elmer Farmer had requested him to contact the Department of Justice in an effort to secure for her brother a transfer to some institution near their home so that she might more frequently visit him. In closing his letter the Congressman made the following statement:

"I have taken the position since becoming a member of Congress not to seek favors in behalf of persons convicted of crime or to intercede in lightening their sentences. I have no personal interest in this case and am merely relaying to you the request of this lady who is a resident of my home county."

To this letter I replied that the case had sometime ago been carefully considered and that it was not feasible to transfer him at the time, that it was the policy of the Bureau to review routinely cases at Alcatraz for transfer to other institutions, and that Farmer's case would come up again in about a year for consideration. There was nothing in the letter to indicate that he would be transferred.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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Miss Gandy

Edw. W. Brennan

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Director.

Dallas, Texas

August 29, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the original of a letter received at this office, reading as follows, signed SCHENCK, together with the notes mentioned therein:

Hot Spgs Natl Park Ark -
8/27/38

Mr. Blake,

Sending the enclosed notes on to you -
Happened to "run" in to this and they might not mean
a thing - However, will be in Dallas about 9/3 or day
or so earlier and will give you a ring -

Also Fry, his wife (Connors widow) and one "Peg"
Maurio left last Monday for Brownsville Tex via Dallas -
Packard sedan and Packard coupe 1936 models - two car - on
purported fishing trip but understand that it is only to get
ready for the coming "season" here in Hot Spgs. My informant
implied sarcotics - I am rooming Illinois Hotel, 810 Central
but my mail address is General Delivery - Will be here until
Thursday.

ROGER C. SCHENCK

OVER

Should you take any action on this, suggest you act indepen-
dent of local authorities w/e possible tie-up with some of
the parties.

SCHENCK

For your information, ROGER SCHENCK, the writer, is a
former inmate of the Leavenworth Penitentiary, having been convicted at San
Antonio, Texas, in connection with the theft of Government property, he being
a former enlisted man at Kelly Field with the rank of Sergeant, and is
personally known to Special Agent F. J. BLAKE. It is suggested that you
arrange to interview SCHENCK immediately and say to him that Special Agent
BLAKE has transmitted his letter to you.

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& Very truly yours,
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E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

Spgs. Ark.

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in hand

* Ellis (Brother Dr.) Hand stuck with small knife or ice pick
location Fred Front Bar, 100 blk Central, Aug. Hand dressed by Face
Keystone Bar - Fry: "That man is H.G. He is connected in some way
murder of a wealthy man near Benbrook, Texas (Houston)".

Fry - wife widow Ed Connor - New Jersey (Previous res. San Antonio,
Kansas Club" - Nash of al Kan. Cy.

- Ben Brook (Ho.) murder? was there a pay off and no split?

Kan. Cy ("Chicken" Smart mentioned in Nash case, H.G.
Tulsa)

(Clemens) - (Clemens) Red Top Taxi - made trip in Cadillac or Lincoln to
Florida carrying gangster \$1500.00 pay off and expenses (Re Jack Purnell,
H. Purnell was for dates - supposed to have seen Karpis MOB.)

Fry - 303, 304, 402, 302 Gulf

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connections at Miami, Fla. - used
to live there

"Red" Short 8/24/38
L.F.N.C.H.

(OVER)

No apparent connection
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ILLINOIS
ROOMS

CLEMENS

FRY

KARPIS
HIDEOUT

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

TFB:EG

August 25, 1938

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Brekid.

The memorandum dated August 10, 1938 addressed to the Laboratory by the Director referring to my memorandum to you dated August 3, 1938 inquiring as to what disposition should be made of unidentified specimens in the above-entitled matter, advised that after photographs were made of the unidentified specimens the specimens may be destroyed. In accordance with that authorization the bullet which is a part of the specimen listed as K8, the two specimens listed as K9, the two cartridge cases listed as K10 are being photographed and are then being destroyed. The identified specimens consisting of a portion of the specimen listed as K8 and the specimen listed as K11 are being properly sealed, marked and placed in the evidence file in the Technical Laboratory.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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Mr. Ladd ✓
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Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
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Mr. Tracy ✓
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W. B. Balch

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L. R. FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 8-30-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-10, 11-38	REPORT MADE BY W. F. WHITELY IN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation Fayetteville, Arkansas, unproductive in locating a BEN AVERY.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent (A) P. A. Pratt, Saint Louis, Missouri, dated July 30, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

The following individuals were contacted by Agent in an effort to locate BEN AVERY, with negative results: Chief of Police EARL HAND, Sheriff HERBERT LEWIS, Deputy Sheriff KIRT BYNUM, Constable JIM HANNAH, Deputy Constable BOB FREDERICK, Deputy Constable S. A. AVERY, Superintendent of Mails IVAN MAYES, and State Patrolman DAN ALLEN. Inquiries were also made at several paint stores, as AVERY possibly followed this trade, with similar results.

No undeveloped leads are being set forth by this office, but it is suggested that the office of origin consider the advisability of contacting officials of the Missouri Penitentiary in order to obtain additional information as to the relatives and correspondents of AVERY in order to facilitate his location.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Morrilton, Arkansas,

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will locate and interview ROBERT SCARBOROUGH, as suggested
in the memorandum of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN dated
June 8, 1938.

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At Nashville, Arkansas, will interview EARL
PENNINGTON as suggested in the above memorandum of Agent
SULLIVAN.

*
At Hot Springs, Arkansas, will again contact
WILLIE WILLIAMS, 112 Kirk Street, with reference to the address
of LOUIS HINKEL and LOUIS LYNCH in order that they may be
interviewed for any information which they may have in
connection with the instant case.

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At Little Rock, Arkansas, will follow and report
the prosecutive action in this case.

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September 1, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

Re: BREKID
HUGA

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Bureau letter dated July 25, 1938, making reference to your letter dated July 9, 1938, concerning the transmittal of firearms in connection with the Bremer and Hunt-Gant investigations and requesting your office to contact the appropriate United States Attorney to ascertain whether these firearms may be disposed of at this time.

The Bureau would like to be advised as to when your office will conduct these inquiries, as suggested by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
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August 27, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Last evening about 10 p.m. Mr. Morgan Beatty of the Associated Press feature service called stating that a friend of his, Mr. W. H. Mylander, the number two man in the Washington Bureau of the Paul Block newspapers, had a friend, a Mr. Platt, of Cleveland who is in the automobile accessory business, who desired to visit the Bureau this morning.

Mr. Mylander and Mr. Platt called at my office this morning, at which time Mr. Mylander stated that it would not be possible for him to go on the tour personally and arrangements were made for Mr. Lindsay to take Mr. Platt on a tour.

In the course of my visit with Mr. Mylander, who appeared to be very much interested in the Bureau, he pointed out that he had met the Director in Toledo following the apprehension of Harry Campbell and if for no other reason, the Director had ample excuse for condemning certain newspaper men by reason of the fact of an incident which arose from that meeting. Mr. Mylander stated that the Director very specifically furnished reporters off-the-record information which was to have been kept in confidence, dealing in primary with Sheriff O'Reilly. Late that evening, Mylander, who was working with the Toledo Blade and the AP at the time, was called on the carpet because of an International News Service flash which quoted the Director as having stated that Sheriff O'Reilly was an associate of Campbell's and indicated that the Director had stated that he was crooked. Mr. Mylander stated that he told his Bureau chief that Mr. Hoover had furnished certain off-the-record information that he considered confidential, for which reason he did not turn it in to the Bureau chief and the Bureau chief upheld him in this, stating that he did the right thing, whereupon information was furnished quoting the INS statement but not Mylander.

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Mylander stated when he came to Washington a few years ago he was very much disappointed to learn of the antagonism on the part of certain newspaper men against Mr. Hoover. I asked him why. He stated that first Mr. Hoover does not hold press conferences and when he does, it is on about ten minutes notice and only the newspaper representatives covering the Department building can be present. I asked Mr. Mylander if he was familiar with the Department policy dealing with the release of news. He said he was not thereupon I explained to him that Mr. Hoover's hands were tied so far as relations with the press were concerned; that everything pertaining to the Bureau was released through the Attorney General's office and Mr. Hoover carried out his instructions. Mylander seemed

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seemed amazed at this and asked why the Director didn't come out with a public statement sometime when he was being criticized. I told Mr. Mylander that that was not the Director's fashion, that he was devoted to duty and carried out his duty. He stated that this certainly shed a different light on the situation and that he for one would take it upon himself to tell a few "wise guys."

He then talked of Pearson and Allen in a very vitriolic manner stating that both of these men had discredited journalism to a certain extent. He told me an amazing story of how Pearson is writing a daily column which is being furnished to all newspapers in the state of Maryland and various other newspapers throughout the country attacking Senator Tydings. He stated that the background of this was several years ago, at which time Pearson's father who was Governor General of the Virgin Islands was brought before the Committee on Insular Affairs of which Tydings was Chairman. Pearson went to Tydings and asked him to take care of his father and Tydings allegedly agreed to do this and when the Committee took action against Pearson's father, he vowed to get Tydings if it was the last thing he ever did. He also stated that Allen was one of the most vindictive men that he had ever known and that he believed that the Pittsburgh paper which scooped the Justice Black K K K affiliation would eventually teach Allen and the Nation magazine a lesson that they had needed for years.

Secondly, he stated that he understood that there was a great deal of antagonism among newspaper men because they felt that the Director was feeding Walter Winchell advance information. I told him this was a lie and that the Director treated Winchell like he would any other newspaper man insofar as spot news was concerned and further, that if a lot of newspaper men were on their toes like Winchell was they too would get scoops that Winchell gets. Because Winchell gets information about cases in which the Bureau might be interested is no indication he is getting information from the Bureau. Mylander stated that he never thought of this angle and again he believed that this dissension was possibly due to some of the Director's enemies in the newspaper fraternity who misrepresented him.

He stated that he had read the article in Collier's Magazine and the only criticism he has of it is that it is not strong enough and that the papers and individuals involved were not put on the spot as they should have been. I, of course, thanked him for his views. He had not seen the article in Editor and Publisher so I told him about this. He stated that while he does not believe in purges as a general thing, nevertheless the journalistic field has a purge coming to it and needs one badly.

Mr. Mylander stated that if at any time he could ever be of assistance to the Bureau either personally or in an official capacity, do not hesitate to call upon him. Mr. Mylander has been on several tours of the Bureau but has never seen the range. Accordingly, he will return to the Bureau in one hour after he has gone to his office and I will personally take him to

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1300 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida

September 7, 1938

Honorable Herbert S. Phillips,
United States Attorney,
Jacksonville, Florida

Attention, Mr. Damon Yerkes,
Assistant United States Attorney

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al;
Kidnaping, Obstruction of Justice,
Harboring of Fugitives, National
Firearms Act

Under date of June 29, 1938, Federal Judge
Louie W. Strum signed an order of default and forfeiture
relating to Browning automatic rifle, which gun had been
recovered from the possession of Joseph H. Adams at the
El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, in connection with the
investigation in the above entitled case. Said rifle has
since been forwarded to the Washington headquarters of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation. Under date of September 1,
1938, the Bureau requested that the appropriate United
States Attorney be contacted to ascertain whether this
firearm may be disposed of at this time. It is respectfully
requested, therefore, that you advise this office at the
earliest date possible whether or not this particular gun
may be disposed of at this time.

Your co-operation in this matter will be indeed
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A. O. Rutzen,
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Miami, Florida

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September 12, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 1, 1938, your file 7-576, requesting this office to contact the appropriate U. S. Attorney to ascertain whether the firearms heretofore forwarded to the Bureau in connection with this case may be disposed of at this time.

This to advise that this letter will supplement my letter dated July 28, 1938, concerning the transmittal of the Browning Automatic Rifle, which gun had been obtained from the possession of JOSEPH H. ADAMS at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, in connection with the investigation in the BREKID case. Please be further advised that the U. S. Attorney at Jacksonville, Florida, in response to a letter from this office, stated that the order of default and forfeiture of the Browning Automatic Rifle directed the U. S. Marshal to deliver the said Rifle to the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at Miami, Florida, to be by him delivered to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, for official use; that this Rifle, when no longer needed for official use by the government, can be disposed of the same as any other surplus property of the United States".

Very truly yours,

A. C. Rutzen
A. C. RUTZEN
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 20, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Re: BREKID

Under date of July 9, 1938, the Miami Office transported to the Bureau, with other arms, one Browning automatic rifle having serial number punched out, which weapon was recovered from the possession of Joseph H. Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, in connection with the investigation in the Brekid case.

On July 19, 1938, you advised that this weapon was not desired for permanent retention in the Technical Laboratory and, accordingly, on July 25, 1938, the Miami Office was requested to contact the appropriate United States Attorney to determine whether he desired to make further use of this weapon or whether the same might be permanently disposed of. On July 28 and September 12, 1938, the Miami Office advised that information and libel filed against this rifle had been taken and confessed against all parties, and it was ordered and adjudged that the same be forfeited to the United States of America. The order further provided that the rifle be delivered by the United States Marshal to the Special Agent in Charge at Miami, by him to be delivered to the Director for official use by the Government and, when no longer needed by the Government for official use, to be disposed of the same as any other surplus property of the United States.

Accordingly, permanent disposition may be made of this weapon.

Re: HUGA

On July 9, 1938, the Miami Office transported to the Bureau, with other weapons, the following:

- 1- .45 calibre Colt Revolver, #216258
- 1- .45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol, #300100
(Both recovered from Hugh Gant and A. D. Hunt)

- 1- 25-20 Winchester Rifle, #867161
(Recovered in connection with the robbery of the Dixie County State Bank, Cross City, Florida)

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Your memorandum of July 19, 1938, advised that these guns were not desired for permanent retention in the Laboratory, and, accordingly, Bureau letter of July 25, 1938, requested information from the Miami Office as to whether the appropriate United States Attorney had been contacted relative to the disposition of same. In further connection with this case, your memorandum of August 25, 1938, advised that subsequent to the location of the hide-out of Hunt and Gant near Jackson, Mississippi, three rifles, a shotgun, and two revolvers, together with approximately 200 rounds of ammunition, were forwarded to the Laboratory for examination by the New Orleans Office, and stated that, inasmuch as this material was of no value to the Laboratory, advice was requested as to whether permanent disposition might be made of it.

Accordingly, on August 31, 1938, Bureau letter to the Miami Office, copies of which were furnished the New Orleans and Birmingham Offices, requested that the appropriate United States Attorneys in the Miami and Birmingham divisions be contacted in order that advice might be received concerning the permanent disposition of these weapons. Under date of September 10, 1938, the Birmingham Office advised, in connection with the three rifles, the shotgun, the two revolvers, and approximately 200 rounds of ammunition, that the United States Attorney in that district advised he had no objection whatever to the Bureau's permanently disposing of this material. Likewise, Miami Office letter of September 13, furnished information to the effect that the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida stated it would not be necessary to retain possession of the pistols and other firearms used by these bank robbers (Hunt and Gant) for any further use in connection with this case, continuing that there are no further phases of the case pending in the Northern District of Florida which would require the retention of the firearms previously described, and that it is not necessary to use these firearms in evidence in the prosecution of this case in the Northern District of Florida.

Accordingly, these weapons may also be permanently disposed of.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 9/8/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/8/38	REPORT MADE BY GEORGE F. FITCH
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="transform: rotate(-45deg); font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED DIVISION ONE 1038 SEP 10 11 28 AM '38 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN applied to Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, for \$5,000.00 life policy and for annuity policy, 2/17/34. Both applications rejected for reason that inspector's findings relative to MORAN'S earnings and background did not approximate representations in applications. Applications made through JAMES E. EDWARDS, Ottawa, Illinois; submitted by Peoria, Illinois branch of Travelers. Information secured from above applications set out. Company records reflect previous application by MORAN in 1926, but records thereof now destroyed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RWC-</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, dated 5/27/38, at New York City.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT</u></p> <p>L. M. ROBOTHAM, Secretary of the Life Department of the Travelers Insurance Company, was interviewed with reference to applications which</p>			
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DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN may have filed with that company in an effort to secure insurance. On the basis of Agent's request, MR. ROBOTHAM discovered that the present files of his company contain two applications for insurance which were effected by MORAN during 1934. These applications were rejected and information obtained therefrom which may be pertinent or of value in the instant matter as herewith set out.

The first application inspected was dated January 8, 1934, and under this application MORAN applied to the Travelers for a \$5000.00 policy of ordinary life insurance. As of the time the application was executed MORAN indicated his address as 4845 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. His business address was set out as 4861 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. It was indicated that MORAN was born at Spring Valley, Illinois, on May 8, 1895. It was indicated that he was 6' $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, weight 180 pounds, and the various items contained in the applications relative to his health at the time of his application, reflected that he was in good physical condition.

It was noted on the application that his income had been estimated at \$7000.00 per year by the Agent who secured the application from DR. MORAN. The application contained information to the effect that MORAN had one brother living, Age 55, and that he had three sisters living, Ages 40, 45 and 50. The names of the brother and three sisters were not set out in this application; however, it was determined through an inspection of the other application that the brother mentioned above is probably a practicing physician at Springfield Valley, Illinois.

It was set out that the only insurance held by MORAN as of the time that he made application was a policy of Government insurance in the amount of \$10,000.00 which had been issued in 1917. In the space provided therefor, MORAN had indicated a former residence at 504 May Street, Maywood, Illinois, and he had assigned as his reason for leaving that address that most of his patients resided in the neighborhood of the Irving Park Boulevard address, which has been given above.

MORAN set out that he had had hospital connections at the Martha Washington Hospital at Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, and also that he had at one time lived at LaSalle and DePaw, Illinois.

A second application filed by MORAN under date of February 17, 1934, set forth the information as had been set out in the life application previously referred to. The second application was made in an effort to secure an annuity policy, but according to ROBOTHAM, no further action was taken relative to the annuity subsequent to the filing of the application therefor.

ROBOTHAM advised that both applications had been rejected by his company on the basis of the report submitted by an inspector who had investigated MORAN'S background, and who had determined that MORAN was of poor reputation in those communities in which he had resided, and that he had served a term at Joliet, Illinois Penitentiary, as a result of a conviction for performing an illegal operation during 1933, and further, that he had been involved in some manner in a previous abortion case during 1930 or 1931. The inspector's report indicated that subsequent to his conviction and sentence to Joliet, MORAN had practiced medicine without a license.

The inspector further reported that the applicant's income as of the time he submitted the applications for insurance could not have exceeded \$1800.00 per year, whereas the insurance Agent had estimated MORAN'S income at \$7000.00 per year.

The report also indicated that MORAN was divorced from his wife as of the time he made application to the Travelers and was reported to have one child. The report also indicated that in addition to his general bad reputation in the communities where he had resided MORAN had been known as a heavy drinker.

ROBOTHAM advised Agent that on the basis of the general information contained in the inspector's report, particularly with reference to the applicant's low income and his indulgence in alcohol, his applications for the policy in question had been rejected by the Company.

ROBOTHAM was unable to supply the name of the inspector who had submitted the report covering investigation of DR. MORAN, but it was determined that both applications for insurance had been written through JAMES E. EDWARDS who during 1934 was an Agent for the Travelers at Ottawa, Illinois, and whose

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address at this place was 125 West Main Street. According to ROBOTHAM the application was submitted through the Peoria, Illinois branch office of the Travelers Insurance Company.

ROBOTHAM advised that a notation contained in MORAN'S file revealed that he had made previous application for insurance during the year 1926, but that all records relative to this application and the application itself have been destroyed.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

Will locate and interview JAMES E. EDWARD, who resided at 125 West Main Street, Ottawa, during the year 1934, with respect to any information he may be able to supply concerning subject MORAN, his background and connections.

THE PEORIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Will contact proper official of the Travelers Insurance Company Branch Office, and determine if any additional information concerning subject MORAN is available through this source. An effort should be made to determine the identity and present address of the party who conducted an investigation of MORAN for insurance purposes at the time he made application for the policy referred to in this report during 1934. That inspector should then be contacted, and all pertinent information concerning the subject which he may be able to supply obtained from him.

AT SPRINGFIELD VALLEY, ILLINOIS

Will, in the event such lead has not previously been covered, locate and interview DR. -----MORAN, who during 1934, is supposed to have been engaged in the practice of medicine at this place. Information has been received that this DR. MORAN, a brother of the subject, was a reputable physician in the community.

If DR. MORAN is contacted, and it is determined that he is in fact the brother of the subject, an effort should be made to obtain from him the addresses of his three sisters and thereafter appropriate leads should be set out directing that these sisters be contacted for the purpose of securing what information they may be able to supply concerning subject MORAN, his connections, background and possible whereabouts.

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DANIEL M. LYONS
PARDON ATTORNEY

Department of Justice
Washington

September 14, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. McElstire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Miss Gandy

You are advised that the President on September 10, 1938, declined to grant the application for executive clemency of Bryan Bolton, and attached the following notation:

"The short sentence took his assistance to the F.B.I. into consideration - Kidnappers like narcotic peddlers deserve little clemency".

Respectfully,

Daniel M. Lyons
Daniel M. Lyons,
Pardon Attorney.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

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September 23, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: BYRON BOLTON

In accordance with your request to determine what recommendation had been made by the Department and the Pardon Attorney in connection with the application of Byron Bolton for executive clemency, the following has been done:

Two requests were necessary to obtain all the Departmental files, and even then the information sought was not found in the files. Likewise, the Pardon Attorney's files did not contain the letter to the President; however, there was located therein a memorandum dated June 24, 1938, addressed to the Pardon Attorney by Mr. Hugh A. Fisher, Acting Head of the Criminal Division, stating that "In view of the strong recommendation from the law enforcement officers involved in this case, together with the fact that the applicant had no previous criminal record and that he is in a serious physical condition, the Criminal Division recommends that executive clemency be granted."

However, it is observed in the Bureau file, which is attached hereto, that an informal memorandum was submitted to the Bureau from Mr. Carusi, which was answered by memorandum of June 30, 1938, at which time the Bureau deferred to the opinion of the Department. Attached to the informal memorandum submitted by Mr. Carusi, copy of which has been made and is contained in the file accompanying this memorandum, is the proposed letter of the Attorney General to the President. While it is not definitely known that this letter went forward to the President without alterations, it is presumed this was the recommendation of the Department given to the President.

The writer contacted Mr. Murphy of the Files Section, who personally obtained the files from both the Department and the Pardon Attorney, and he stated he had been advised by both sources that the entire files in their possession concerning Bolton were those mentioned above and supplied to the Bureau. Accordingly, it may have been that both the Department and the Pardon Attorney purposely avoided sending a portion of their files.

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Respectfully,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

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FILE NO. **7-24 rd**

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE 9/14/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/2/38	REPORT MADE BY A. A. MUZZEY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Nolle prosequi entered in U. S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, at Miami, on 6/11/38, re harboring indictment against CASSIUS McDONALD under docket number 4608. Browning Automatic rifle forwarded to Bureau on 7/13/38, upon order signed by U. S. Judge LOUIS W. STRUM. Photograph of 1934 Oklahoma tag 362A339 obtained.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Miami, 4/19/38; Letters to Bureau 7/9/38 and 7/28/38 and Bureau letter to Miami office 8/4/38.

DETAILS: GEORGE W. PITCHFORD, Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, at Miami, upon examination of the docket advised the indictment carried under docket #4608, which is an indictment charging conspiracy on the part of McDONALD and others to harbor ALVIN KARPIS, was nolle prossed on 6/11/38, on order of Judge JOHN W. HOLLAND.

Reference letter from the Miami Field Division to the Bureau under date of July 28, 1938, reflects that the docket of the United States District Court at Jacksonville, Florida, disclosed that on May 4, 1938, a warrant of Seizure and Monition Returned was executed by the United States Marshal, with reference to Browning Automatic Rifle, which gun had been recovered from the possession of JOSEPH H. ADAMS at the El

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Comodoro Hotel, Miami, in connection with the investigation in this case and that on June 29, 1938, United States Judge LOUIS W. STROM signed an order of default and forfeiture relating to this rifle and ordered that the said rifle be delivered by the United States Marshal to the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Miami, Florida, to be delivered by him to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for official use. The gun in question was forwarded to the Bureau on July 13, 1938, on Government bill of lading number J111025.

Relative to the request by the Miami Field Division, of the Bureau, for authority to remove from the bulky exhibit files and to destroy 1934 Oklahoma license tag #362A339, which was found by Bureau Agents in the house occupied by FRED and MA BARKER at Oklawaha, Florida, when it was raided on January 16, 1935, and in compliance with Bureau letter to the Miami office under date of August 4, 1938, a photograph was made of the license plate through the courtesy of Lt. JAMES O. BARKER, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Miami Police Department. Lt. BARKER turned over to Agent the photograph as well as the negative print and same are being retained in the files of the Miami Field Division.

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Newark, New Jersey
September 14, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 12, 1938, relative to my contact with Chief of Police JAMES A. McMENAMIN, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, at which time it was stated that in the near future, efforts would be made to contact Mr. WILLIAM S. CUTHBERT, Director of Public Safety in Atlantic City.

This is to advise that I had the occasion to meet Director CUTHBERT at the Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, at which time I had a short talk with Director CUTHBERT, and also had another talk with him on the morning of September 13, in his office, at which time Chief McMENAMIN was present.

This discussion with Director CUTHBERT leads me to believe that now he and Chief McMENAMIN are of the opinion that this Bureau had nothing to do with providing the Atlantic City Police Department with insufficient information concerning the presence of KARPIS and CAMPBELL in Atlantic City in February, 1935, and it is apparent that Director CUTHBERT feels a little more kindly towards this Bureau than heretofore.

Director CUTHBERT informed me that he was cognizant of the fact that there was vice in Atlantic City, but that such a condition is impossible to cope with in any city of this size that is a resort. He stated that the condition at the present time was much better, which was largely due to the raids recently conducted by this Bureau on the houses of prostitution in Atlantic City, and that it is his sincere opinion that he can keep prostitution down to a minimum in Atlantic City.

Director CUTHBERT also informed me that in the event Agents of this Bureau desired information or assistance from the Atlantic City

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Police Department, that if they would come directly to him, he could assure us that the matter would be held in the strictest confidence, and that all assistance possible would be given. He stated that he is very desirous of cooperating with this Bureau. Although Director CUTHBERT did not frankly say that he did not trust members of his Police Department, he inferred as much, stating that he could only assure me that the matter would be kept in confidence if he were contacted directly.

During this conversation with Director CUTHBERT, it was apparent that he was not cognizant of this Bureau's jurisdiction, as he made several statements to the effect that he had been recently working hand-in-hand with our Bureau in the suppression of narcotics and counterfeiting. Director CUTHBERT was, of course, immediately informed of the major jurisdictions of this Bureau, whereupon he exhibited to Agent a pamphlet, stating that he had only recently received this pamphlet from the Bureau, and had not had the occasion to read same. He stated, however, that he would carefully peruse this pamphlet in an effort to become more cognizant of this Bureau's jurisdiction in violations of the Federal laws.

He also mentioned the fact that it was his desire to send a representative of the Atlantic City Police Department to the FBI National Police Academy. However, no discussion was had by us along these lines, for obvious reasons.

The above information is being submitted to you for your information.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 9/21/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/12/38	REPORT MADE BY L. A. LANGILLE
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING - HARBORING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BOOKER THOMAS (colored), Detroit, Michigan, recalls seeing KARPIS at Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1934 or 1935 and notifying the Police. He has no recollection concerning HERBERT MAKERS being present on that occasion.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. F. Whitely, Little Rock, Arkansas dated 7/8/38.

DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agent M. J. BOYD and reporting Agent.

BOOKER THOMAS (colored), W.P.A. worker, was located at 1950 Maple Street, Detroit, Michigan, and he advised that he had come to Detroit about a year and a half ago. He stated that he worked at Burke's Garage at Hot Springs and recalled that in the early Spring of either 1934 or 1935 (he was not sure of which) in the evening he and MAX BROWN, who also worked at Burke's Garage, had observed an old automobile, a 1928 or 1929 model, bearing what he thought to be California license plates, drive into the station. In this car were two men and a woman. The driver got out and began to put some air in one

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of the tires, appearing surly and refusing any assistance on the part of either THOMAS or BROWN. THOMAS stated that the two men had been riding in the front of the automobile and the woman was riding in the back; that the man next to the driver, who remained in the car, was ALVIN KARPIS.

After the driver had placed air in the tire of the car, the car drove off and parked in front of the Majestic Hotel, whereupon THOMAS and BROWN engaged in conversation concerning the occupants of the car and decided that the man actually was KARPIS.

BROWN called the Hot Springs Police, advising them that he had just seen ALVIN KARPIS. In response to the call a Police car with two men in it came to Burke's Garage. MR. THOMAS was positive that the two men in the car were CECIL BROOK and JOE WAKELY, both Detectives of the Hot Springs Police Department.

By the time that the Police car had arrived, the other car had left its parking space in front of the Majestic Hotel, so that THOMAS and BROWN pointed out the direction in which the car had gone, whereupon the Police car drove in that direction, returning in a few minutes.

Shortly after this, THOMAS noticed that the other car had again returned, at which time it was occupied only by the driver, KARPIS and the woman having disappeared.

THOMAS stated that he watched the car for a few minutes and then, becoming busy about the garage, did not pay much attention to it for a little while; when he next looked for the car, it was gone, and that was all THOMAS knew about it.

THOMAS was definite that HERBERT AKERS was not in the Police car which responded to BROWN's telephone call and was also positive that he had not seen AKERS that evening.

THOMAS was very hazy and vague in his recollection and stated that it was his belief that BROWN would remember the events much better.

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September 26, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Re: BREKID

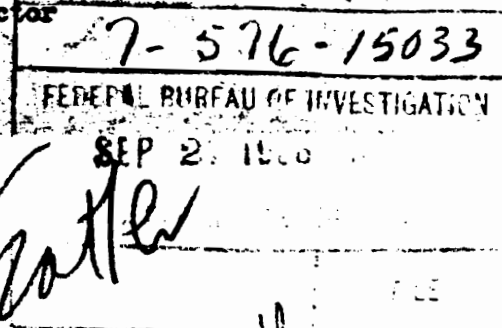
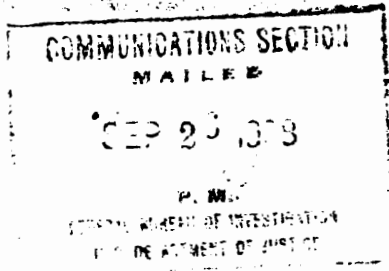
The attention of the Investigative Division has been called to the fact that a wanted notice in connection with this case has been placed for Clara Gibson alias Clara Gray, as shown in Jacket 873417, the same having been placed September 17, 1934, without cancelation having been made.

Inasmuch as the investigative file reflects that Clara Gibson was interviewed during March, 1937, according to the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, dated at Chicago, March 18, 1937, you are instructed that this wanted notice may be withdrawn.

A letter has been prepared for the Cincinnati Office, with copy for the Chicago Office, requesting that the Bureau be immediately advised in the event this wanted notice for any reason should be resumed, in which case instructions will be furnished to you to again place this notice.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director
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September 26, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the Bureau's identification files reflect Clara Gibson alias Clara Gray is wanted as a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping case, according to a wanted notice placed on September 17, 1934. This wanted notice has never been withdrawn, although the file in the instant case reflects Clara Gibson was interviewed as recently as March, 1937, as reflected in the report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, dated at Chicago, March 18, 1937.

Accordingly, the wanted notice in this connection is being withdrawn, and, in the event there is any reason why the same should be maintained, please notify the Bureau at once and the wanted notice will again be placed.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

cc-Chicago

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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September 27, 1938.

Mr. H. E. Andersen,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
500 Rector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

BREKID. JOHN BROCK, WAS, SENTENCED SEPTEMBER NINTH, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, TO SERVE ONE HOUR IN CUSTODY USM CLEVELAND FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN GARRETTTSVILLE, OHIO, MAIL ROBBERY, AND SAME DAY WAS PLACED ON TRAIN FOR TULSA, OKLAHOMA, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, CARE LUTHER P. LANE, ATTORNEY, THREE NAUGHT TWO PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING, TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

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Chicago, Illinois

September 27, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent GEORGE F. FITCH dated at New York City September 8, 1938, in the above-entitled case, for this Office to conduct investigation relative to JAMES E. EDWARD of Ottawa, Illinois and for the Peoria Office to locate a Dr. MORAN at Springfield Valley, Illinois, I desire to advise that these leads have previously been covered on several occasions. The lead set out for Springfield Valley should be for Spring Valley, Illinois, in the territory covered by the Chicago Office, and relates to Dr. JAMES J. MORAN, a brother of Subject MORAN, who is a physician and resides at 112 West Cleveland Street, Spring Valley, Illinois.

For your information, I am forwarding herewith a photostatic copy of the summary report submitted by Special Agent F. G. TILLMAN dated at Chicago, Illinois, March 22, 1935, which deals with the history and contacts of Dr. JOSEPH PATRICK MORAN and which shows results of the interviews requested in the report above-referred to of Agent FITCH.

Very truly yours

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-62

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/30/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/21/38	REPORT MADE BY T. F. MULLEN TFM:LM
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MRS. EMORY ROSS, La Salle, Ill., furnished Agent with copy of application to the Preferred Accident Insurance Co. of New York, dated 11/4/25, application calling for \$30,000 accident insurance on the part of SUBJECT MORAN. Copy of the application is not complete, does not contain any other information than to give the general description of SUBJECT MORAN and his place of business in La Salle, and no other records or information indicating anything additional concerning him.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York, New York, dated 8/11/38.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT LA SALLE, ILLINOIS:</u></p> <p>Agent contacted MRS. EMORY ROSS, who is Secretary of the Duncan Insurance Company, 654 First Street, and after a search of the records was made by MRS. ROSS, she located a copy of the application of SUBJECT MORAN to the Preferred Accident Insurance Company of New York as of November 4, 1925, calling for \$30,000 accident insurance, and this application, which is only briefly filled out and a copy of the original, showed MORAN as being 29 years of age, having been born May 8, 1896, and gave his height as 5'10",</p>			
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weight 145 lbs.; that he resided at 747 Seventh Street, La Salle, his place of business being 733 First Street, and that he was a physician and surgeon; that the beneficiary of the insurance policy was his wife, ANNA BROWN MORAN. The other information on the application blank is not legible.

MRS. ROSS stated that the files now in the possession of the Uncan Insurance Company, who have purchased this insurance business from WILLIAM S. MASON, who is said to have received the application of SUBJECT MORAN, above referred to, was very meagre and contained no additional information or data pertaining thereto. MRS. ROSS, however, advised Agent that she knew of SUBJECT MORAN and identified his picture immediately. She stated she could give no additional information in connection with him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The NEW YORK OFFICE:

Will contact the Preferred Accident Insurance Company of New York, Post Office Box 175, Wall Street Station, New York, New York, and cause a complete examination to be made of the original application on file made out by SUBJECT MORAN for the purpose of obtaining all the pertinent information filed by SUBJECT MORAN at the time this original application was made out.

P E N D I N G.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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October 15, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: BREKID.

It is requested that the Laboratory be advised as to whether there is any reason why several hundred rounds of various types of ammunition recovered at the apprehension of Russell Gibson, at the Barker raid in Florida and at the apprehension of Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, should not be added to the Laboratory's supply of ammunition as a means of permanent disposition.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

October 19, 1938.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

During the course of the investigation conducted in the above entitled matter various exhibits were brought into this office and at the present time a number of exhibits are being retained in the supply room and file cabinets. It is believed that the Bureau may desire some of these exhibits to be forwarded to Washington for display purposes and it is also believed that others of these exhibits may be destroyed at the present time.

There is being set out herein a list of the material presently being retained in this office and the Bureau is respectfully requested to advise as to what disposition should be made of the same:

- 2 Rolls of wall paper similar to the wall paper used in the hideout located in Bensenville, Illinois;
- All copies of the Chicago Daily News and Chicago American for issues released on February 7, 1935, the day that VOLNEY DAVIS escaped;
- 1934 Illinois automobile license #310-949;
- 1934 Ohio automobile license #683-138
- 1934 Tennessee automobile license #43-951;
- Photograph taken at the Hawthorne Racetrack and obtained by Bureau Agents in the apartment of FRED BARKER at Cleveland, Ohio;
- 2 Pairs of Cesco M and L goggles received by this office from the St. Louis field division March 28, 1937;

Articles Taken From FORD V-8 Coupe In Possession of VOLNEY DAVIS When Apprehended in Chicago, Illinois, June 1, 1935:

- 1 Pair pigskin gloves;
- 1 Pair cotton lined leather gloves;
- 1 Whisk-broom

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- 1 Package containing wash-rags and listerine;
- 1 Leather key-holder - East Side Arcade, Bowling & Billiards,
350 Atwood Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin;
- 1 Master padlock key;
- 6 Bill of Sale blanks, form #24;
- 1 Roll copper antenna wire;
- 1 Master padlock #991 (Master Lock Co., Milwaukee);
- 1 Playground ball (cowhide);
- 1 Flashlight - USA Lite - Defender (nickel plate);
Sinclair Road Map - Wisconsin;
Secretary of State road map - Illinois;
State of Georgia automobile license #37-216C;
- 1 Baseball Sports Calendar.

Articles Found In House Occupied By The BARKERS At Oklawaha,
Florida:

- Large number of odd keys;
- Business card of "Dunn Bros. Storage and Moving Company,
6542 North Clark Street., Chicago";
- Receipt made out to T. C. BLACKBURN for \$5.00 for de-
posit on shirts dated 10/29/34, and signed by L.
RICHARDSON;
- 2 Bills from Florida Reptile Institute, Silver Springs,
Florida;
- Sales slip of the A. Louis & Son, Inc., 63 E. Flagler
Street, Miami, Florida, dated 10/24/34;
- Black address book containing several figures;
- Jar Mentha pill powder;
- Pair eyeglasses;
- Listerine bottle found in medicine kit;
- Bottle gauze packer strip found in medicine kit;
- Bottle black liquid found in medicine kit;
- Porcelain mug.
- 19 Bottles found at 3920 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, on
January 9, 1935;
- 1 Cheap black leather Gladstone bag used by FRED BARKER
at Oklawaha, Florida;
- 1 Gasoline can marked "Clinton Oil";
- 1 Gasoline can marked "Simmons Hardware Gasoline Station";

Articles removed from the apartment of ROY GRAY on May 2, 1934:

- 1 Octagonal shaped mirror;
- 1 Small bottle of "Hush";

- 1 Box of Arden Playing Cards;
- 1 Bottle of medicine purchased at the Waveland Drug Company, 3665 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois;
- 1 Set of three nickel plated liquor cups ("jiggers") in leather container;
- 1 Green perfume atomizer;
- 1 Cylindrical bottle containing unknown solution;
- 1 Cylindrical bottle containing brilliantine;
- 1 Ornamental box containing numerous receipts, business cards and cellophane covered memorandum book;
- 1 "Ever Ready" shaving kit;
- 1 Small brown coin purse;
- 3 Small mirrors;
- 1 Pair of grey rimmed sun glasses;
- 1 Key bearing address "Sheridan Hardware Company, 3821 Broadway;
- 1 Red enamel compact;
- 1 Red imitation leather photograph frame;
- 1 State of Illinois certificate of title issued to ESTELLE GRAY, 5248 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois;
- Numerous snapshots of unidentified individuals;
- 1 Brown leather bill fold containing numerous business cards and car invoice #6676 of North Shore Buick Company, 1030 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois, showing sale to ESTELLE GRAY of a 1932 model Buick motor No. 2778426;
- 1 Cosmetic hand bag containing several bottles and a mirror;
- 1 Ladies' brown beaded pocket-book containing mirror;
- 1 Green enamel compact.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

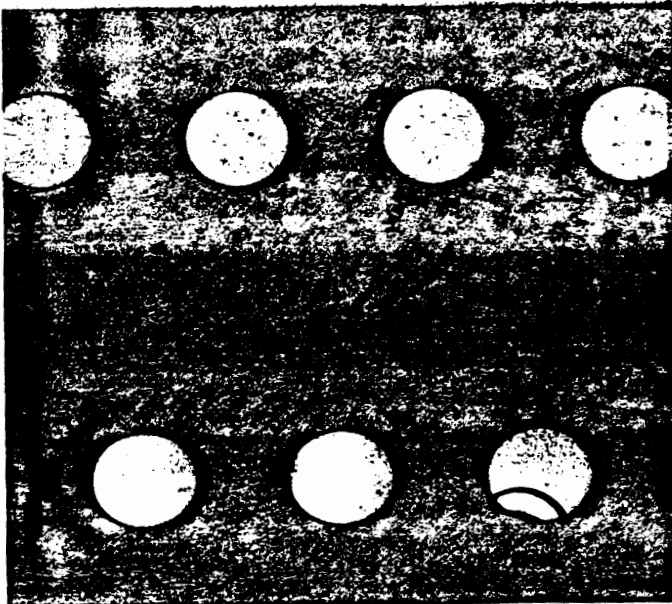
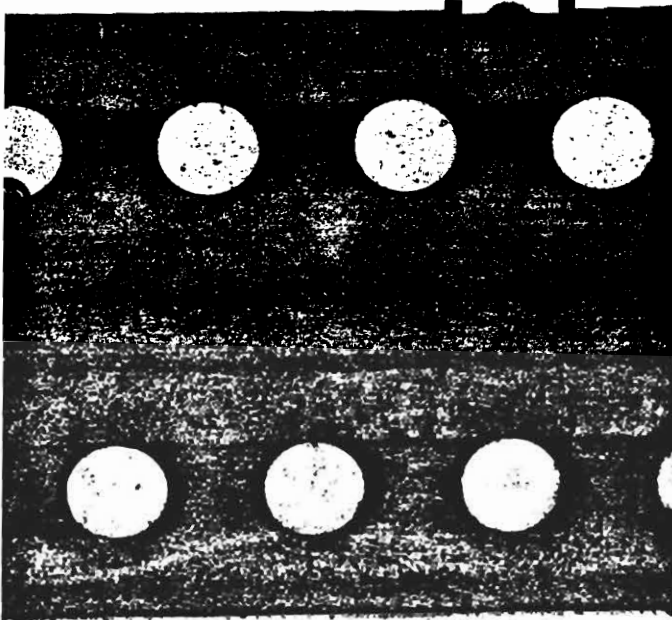
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From: Laboratory

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of October 19, 1938, tabulating a number of exhibits presently in the Chicago office which were collected during the investigation of the above case.

If any of the property tabulated in your letter has any appreciable value, it is suggested that it be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled thereto. Any of the property which has no value should be destroyed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Re: BREKID

This office is in possession of an Underwood portable typewriter No. 596064 which was found as a result of a raid on the house located at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio on September 8, 1934, as well as two packages of miscellaneous drug supplies which were also recovered at that time.

Inasmuch as the Cincinnati office is the office of origin in this case, information is desired as to what disposition may be made of this property. Attention is directed to the fact that the miscellaneous drug supplies mentioned above are the personal property of some of the subjects of this case, and of no intrinsic value to anyone else.

Very truly yours,

AL ROSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati, Ohio,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Reference is made to your letter of October 24, 1938, concerning several items in the possession of the Cleveland Office which were found in a raid on a house located at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 8, 1934.

I wish to advise that the articles recovered at that time are no longer of any value in connection with the prosecution of this case and it is therefore suggested that you request advice from the Bureau as to what disposition should be made of the articles.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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FILE NO. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT Peoria, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 10-27-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-14-38	REPORT MADE BY P. C. DUNNE DEB
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records Peoria Branch of Travelers Insurance Company reflect only index card showing rejection of insurance applications for Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN; no other information. JAMES E. EDWARDS, Ottawa, Illinois, severed connections with insurance company in October, 1934, due to inactivity on EDWARDS' part. Inquiry of Travelers Insurance Company reflects investigation of applications handled [REDACTED] in locality where application received. [REDACTED] has no record of MORAN or name of investigator handling his applications, advising records covering Ottawa, Illinois, located in Chicago Office [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent GEORGE F. FITCH, New York, N. Y., dated 9-8-38.

DETAILS:

AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Mr. HENRY H. SHAVER, Cashier for the Peoria, Illinois Branch of the Travelers Insurance Company, after a review of his records, advised Agent that the only record on file concerning MORAN was an index card showing that the application for insurance, made by Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, through JAMES E. EDWARDS, insurance salesman at Ottawa, Illinois, had been rejected. The reason for the rejection of the applications was not shown on the index card. Mr. SHAVER stated that the index card was the only information in the Peoria branch of the insurance company concerning MORAN. SHAVER further stated that the

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insurance company did not investigate its own applications for insurance, but that [REDACTED] handles all investigations concerning the character, reputation, background and financial responsibility of the applicant; that [REDACTED] covering the territory where the application is taken conducts the investigation, and that it was his opinion that the Chicago, Illinois branch [REDACTED] handled the investigation concerning MORAN.

[REDACTED] after a review of his files, advised Agent that he had no information concerning MORAN, or the identity of the person handling the investigation of MORAN's applications, but that the Chicago, Illinois branch [REDACTED] had the records covering applications coming from Ottawa, Illinois.

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THE CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, will contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for full information in his files concerning MORAN, said information resulting from an investigation conducted by that office. Will ascertain the identity of the person handling the investigation and contact him for all pertinent information concerning MORAN which he may be able to supply.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 10/28/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/26/38	REPORT MADE BY E. J. DOWD EJD:MC
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN BROCK was taken into custody by Post Office Inspectors on March 10, 1936, and on March 13, 1936 made a detailed confession to the Post Office Inspectors, naming all the persons involved in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on November 7, 1935, as reflected in the report of Postal Inspector S. J. HETRICK to the United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 10, 1936, Case No. 99941-D.

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DETAILS:

Pursuant to a request received by Special Agent in Charge Al Rosen by telephone on October 26, 1938 from the Little Rock Office to ascertain the exact date that JOHN BROCK was taken into custody in connection with his participation in the mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on November 7, 1935, Agent contacted the office of the Postal Inspectors at Cleveland, Ohio, and was advised that the file was in the possession of Postal Inspector FRANK CASEY at Toledo, Ohio, or in the possession of the Post Office Inspector in Charge at Cincinnati, Ohio, who would probably be able to furnish the information requested.

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Special Agent M. Joseph Lynch, Resident Agent at Toledo, Ohio, was instructed to contact Postal Inspector CASEY. The latter advised that the information was not available at Toledo but probably could be obtained from the Cleveland Office of the Postal Inspectors.

Agent then interviewed FRANK WIEDEMANN, Assistant United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, who handled the prosecution of defendants in the case, and after reviewing his file, it was ascertained from a report submitted by Postal Inspector S. J. HETRICK to the United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 10, 1936, Case No. 99941-D, that JOHN BROCK was taken into custody March 10, 1936 by Postal Inspectors and made a detailed confession, naming all of the persons involved in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery, including himself.

This information was transmitted to the Little Rock Office by teletype on October 26, 1938.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas

November 4, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

While conversing with
Inspector NICHOLS of the Bureau by telephone
on other matters yesterday, he informed me
that the index maintained on the BREKID case
in the Little Rock Office would be useful in
the Research Division in connection with
bringing the case up to date.

Therefore I am forwarding
the index to the Bureau under separate cover,
with the request that it be returned when it
has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Inspector E. J. Connelley

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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CHICAGO

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 11/8/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/3/38	REPORT MADE BY J. R. GREEN JRG:JMS
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] had no record of any JOSEPH MORAN being investigated at Ottawa, Illinois by that company. Only record of any JOSEPH P. MORAN in Chicago who could possibly have been subject has been destroyed as it was over six years old.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P. C. DUNNE, Peoria, Ill. 10/27/38.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] after making a search of their files advised that the files did not disclose any JOSEPH MORAN as having been investigated by that company at Ottawa, Illinois. Search of their Chicago records disclosed only one JOSEPH P. MORAN who would possibly have been subject, as having been investigated by that concern. His address was given as 4845 Irving Park Boulevard. However this investigation was made over six years ago, and their file has been destroyed. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any further information concerning said MORAN.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 11-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-25-38	REPORT MADE BY S. S. ALDEN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On 11-4-25, Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN, 747 7th St., La Salle, Ill., applied to the Preferred Accident Insurance Co., New York City, for a policy in the amount of \$30,000 indicating his wife as beneficiary. This application refused because he had suffered removal of the entire left breast. Indication that MORAN had insurance in the Massachusetts Mutual and the Great Northern Life Insurance Companies.			
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REFERENCE:		Report of Special Agent T. P. Mullin, Chicago, Illinois, dated 9-30-38.	
DETAILS:		AT NEW YORK CITY. At 80 Maiden Lane, Mr. G. B. STURGIS of the Record Division of the Preferred Accident Insurance Company made available his file on Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN which was reviewed and the following information obtained.	
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Place of business	737 First Street, La Salle, Ill.
Business	Physician
Beneficiary	ANNA BROWN MORAN, wife
Particulars of operations	Amputation of left breast - injury received in the War. No disability
Date of application	November 4, 1925 for policy in amount of \$30,000
Age	29
Date of birth	May 8, 1896
Place of birth	Illinois
Residence	747 Seventh Street, La Salle, Ill.
Application declined for reason that the amputation of entire left breast renders applicant unsatisfactory insurance risk.	
Submitting agent: W. A. MASON, La Salle, Illinois.	

There was a letter in this file signed JOSEPH P. MORAN, M.D. which stated, "I am carrying \$40,000 worth of life insurance at the present, most of which is with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company."

Also included in the file was a confidential report on MORAN by the Hooper Holmes Bureau which states in substance that the informants of the Bureau have known the applicant for ten years; that he does not use drugs or liquor and that his reputation is good. It further states that the applicant is in the practice of medicine as a physician and surgeon and has a large clientele, being on the job daily, and that he is a good doctor. It reports that he is healthy, that his habits are clean and temperate and that his moral reputation is of the best. This report was dated November 11, 1925 at the Chicago office.

Mr. STURGIS advised that a notation in his file indicated that on December 26, 1923 JOSEPH P. MORAN made application for insurance with the Great Northern Life, Westminster Building, Chicago, Illinois.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

CLEVELAND, OHIO

November 9, 1938.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter directed to the Cincinnati Office dated October 24, 1938, advising that office that the Cleveland Office was in possession of certain articles, the property of the subjects of this case, and to letter from the Cincinnati Office directed to the Cleveland Office, dated October 27, 1938, advising that the property described in the first reference letter was of no value in connection with the prosecution of this case and suggesting that the Bureau's advice be obtained relative to its disposition.

As noted in the reference letter to the Cincinnati Office, the Cleveland Office is in possession of an Underwood Portable Typewriter, #596064, which was found as a result of a raid on the house located at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, as well as two packages of miscellaneous personal drug supplies, belonging to the individuals who resided in the house at that time.

These drug supplies are of no value to others than the actual owners, however, the Portable Typewriter is of some value and hence the Bureau's advice is being sought concerning what disposition may be made of this property.

Very truly yours,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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7-576 -15049 December 13, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs

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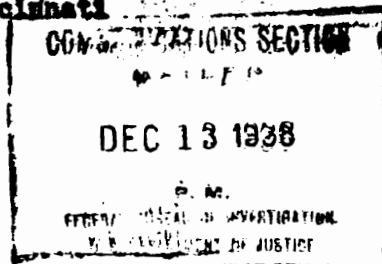
Reference is made to your letter dated November 9, 1938, concerning certain articles in your possession which are the property of the subjects in this case. Since you have advised that none of these articles, with the exception of the Underwood portable typewriter #596064, have any value to others than the actual owners, in the event there are no persons legally entitled thereto, to whom they can be turned over, permanent disposition will be satisfactory. However, in the event that any of these articles, including the typewriter, can be turned over to persons legally entitled to them, this should be done.

The typewriter in question may be added to the inventory of the Cleveland office in the event it can not be returned as above indicated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Cincinnati



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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MRS CASSIUS MCDONALD TELEPHONED MR ALAN B CROWE
PRESIDENT ECONOMIC CLUB AND ASKED DETAILS CONCERNING
YOUR ARRIVAL AND TIME AND PLACE OF LUNCHEON. SHE ALSO
ASKED TO BE ALLOWED TO MAKE A TALK AT LUNCHEON STATING
THAT SHE WANTED TO VINDICATE A MAN. MR CROWE AFTER
GIVING HER SOME INFORMATION THEN REALIZING WHO SHE
WAS REFUSED TO TALK TO HER FURTHER. IF SATISFACTORY
TO YOU WILL CONTACT HER PRIOR YOUR ARRIVAL TO ASCERTAIN
ANY INTENTIONS SHE MAY HAVE AND WARN HER AGAINST ANY
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November 12, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Cassius McDonald

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About 8:30 A.M. January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, and transported by automobile to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held until February 7, 1934; was then taken to Rochester, Minnesota, and released after payment of ransom in the amount of \$200,000.

On or about September 1, 1934, members of the Karpis-Barker gang, charged with the kidnaping, and including William Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, registered at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, having been referred to the Manager, Joe Adams, by Cassius McDonald. Adams, by reason of his acquaintanceship with McDonald aided these persons by recommending Fred Barker and Kate Barker, and in obtaining a residence for them at Oklawaha, Florida, and also by obtaining a residence for Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney in Miami on December 14, 1934.

Between September 1, 1934, and January 17, 1935, Cassius McDonald conferred with William Harrison and Harry Sawyer at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, and made frequent trips from there to Havana, Cuba. On September 4, 1934, he purchased \$11,000 worth of Cuban gold with \$18,000 of the ransom money obtained in this case, and on the following day changed this Cuban gold into \$1,000 bills.

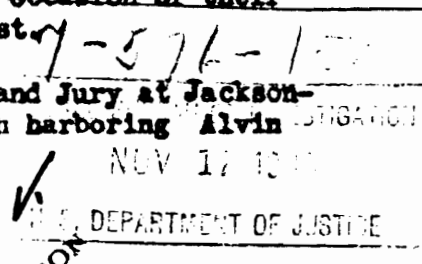
On September 9, 1934, he and Harrison went to Havana, Cuba, from Miami, and on this trip some \$78,000 of ransom money secured in the Bremer kidnaping was exchanged by McDonald for \$1,000 bills. Fourteen \$1,000 bills, which were contained in the shipment from the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta to their branch at Havana, were found in the home of Fred and Kate Barker on the occasion of their death at Oklawaha, Florida, while resisting arrest.

McDonald was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 7, 1935, charged with harboring Alvin Karpis.

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Karpis, misprison of felony, and conspiracy to commit a misprison of felony, and furnished bond on this indictment.

On September 27, 1935, the Federal Grand Jury of St. Paul filed an indictment charging McDonald, Karpis, Arthur Barker and others with conspiracy between September 15, 1933, and January 15, 1935, to violate the act forbidding interstate transportation of kidnaped persons.

McDonald was removed from Detroit, Michigan, to St. Paul, Minnesota, on this indictment, and was brought to trial on January 6, 1936, which trial terminated on January 24, 1936, resulting in a verdict of guilty.

On February 1, 1936, McDonald was sentenced by the Honorable Gunnar H. Wordbye, Judge of the United States District Court at St. Paul, to serve fifteen years in a Federal penitentiary.

McDonald was 50 years of age at the time of his conviction, had no children, resided with his wife at 500 Trombley Road, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He is one of two sons of Michael McDonald, a well known politician of Chicago in the nineties, and later engaged in the lumber business in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

McDonald attended the Notre Dame University and during the War was in the service of the United States Government as an expert in timber, and purchased lumber for use in the manufacture of airplanes. Upon the death of his father several years ago he inherited a large sum of money and during the bank failures at Detroit he is supposed to have lost about \$190,000. While he claims to be an engineer, he is better known as a confidence man.

During his trial at St. Paul, the court obtained the impression that McDonald has some peculiarities or complexes of other than a normal person, and suspended sentence pending inquiry as to his mental condition.

This investigation revealed that McDonald's close associates in Detroit all related that he is a normal person fully capable of transacting his affairs with understanding and shrewdness; that he has exaggerated ideas of his importance, is cunning and evasive in his dealings.

Memorandum for the Director

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no record of previous conviction of McDonald.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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With reference to your next radio broadcast, you will find enclosed two copies of the radio interview "William Elmer Mead - Dean of the Confidence Men," which it is suggested you use.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WILLIAM ELMER MEAD - DEAN OF THE CONFIDENCE MEN

ANNOUNCER: The confidence man is the aristocrat of the criminal world, shrewd, suave, and cunning, he usually possesses a most unusual personality. Tonight we bring you Mr. _____, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's _____ Division, the personal representative of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who will discuss the activities of William Elmer Mead, who is known as the Dean of the Confidence Men.

ANSWER: It is a pleasure indeed, Mr. _____, to be with you tonight.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. _____, before you tell us about Mead, won't you first outline the theory upon which a con man works? I believe you mentioned this to me earlier this evening.

ANSWER: Yes, I did. A swindler recognizes a failing of human nature. He knows how often people try to obtain something for nothing. He capitalizes on the fact that if he can convince the victim he is putting a fast one over on the swindler, then the rest is easy. As William Elmer Mead, who was known as "The Christian Kid," said, "The con man never takes anything from people unless they have larceny in their hearts."

ANNOUNCER: Tell me, Mr. _____, why was he called the Christian Kid?

ANSWER: Strangely, this was only one of the forty aliases by which Mead was known, yet more of his associates knew him by this name than any other. The name, "The Christian Kid," was bestowed upon him by his fellow con men due to the fact that he never swore, or drank to any extent, and whenever possible always went to church on Sundays.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. , I am sure our listeners are interested in hearing how he started on a life of crime.

ANSWER: According to Mead himself, he was born near Springfield, Illinois, in 1873. His mother died about two years after his birth. At the age of five he was placed in an orphanage and shortly thereafter he was adopted by a farmer and his wife living near Des Moines, Iowa. Farm life, however, was too hard and uninteresting for him so, at the age of fourteen, he ran away, drifted west and worked at odd jobs. He stated that an old time Missouri gambler, whom he met when he was twenty-one, taught him to play a "square game" of cards and thereafter gambling became his means of livelihood. The gambling fraternity knew him well, especially throughout the western States. It was during this time his career was nearly ended, for he became embroiled in an argument over a card game and received a very serious knife wound that severed the nerves on the left side of his face. Even today his left shoulder and cheek are still partially paralyzed, causing one corner of his mouth to droop and giving it a twisted appearance. Later he drifted into confidence schemes, beginning with the selling of worthless stocks, but he should have continued with

cards, for on June 30, 1896, he was arrested by the Los Angeles, California, Police Department and was sentenced to serve three years in San Quentin for grand larceny. He escaped en route to prison but was quickly recaptured and served most of his sentence. Following his release he was married in 1900, and for the next four years lived in San Francisco as a gambler. But he said that was too long to stay in one place so he left his wife and set out in quest of victims of his chicanery.

ANNOUNCER: Was he successful in his search, Mr. ?

ANSWER: Yes, indeed. Although it will never be known just how many people he swindled during his career, the next thirty-five years netted him at least a million dollars. But he was not always successful in perpetrating his schemes. In 1923, as John H. Foster, the Christian Kid was sentenced to serve from three to ten years in the Colorado State Penitentiary. On September 25, 1925, he was paroled. He then took up the pursuit of easy money in a serious way.

ANNOUNCER: I understand Mr. Hoover has compiled an extensive file on swindles. Can you tell us about one of the schemes Head used?

ANSWER: Yes. A prominent Missouri business man, whom we will call West, was swindled out of \$200,000 by Head and his associates. West was a road-builder and one day received a long distance telephone call from a man who said he was the son-in-law of the road commissioner in a neighboring state and was in the position to obtain a road building contract but that he was unacquainted with the business and wanted West as a partner to utilize his surplus equipment on a cost-plus basis. A conference was arranged at a St. Louis hotel.

Several days were consumed in negotiations, meeting alleged heads of bonding companies, influential business men and finally a disgruntled head of a race track gambling syndicate. To kill time awaiting the arrival of the road commissioner, West and his prospective business partners became interested in the tales told by the race track gambler, finally culminating in several large bets being placed on races and winning each time.

ANNOUNCER: Undoubtedly, Mr. , this was to lead West on.

ANSWER: Yes, Mr. . In the parlance of the con men this is the convincer in the "pay off" game where the victim is allowed to win before losing his money. The next step of Mead and his cohorts was to propose a large bet which would bring them a tremendous return if they won, and \$500,000 was wagered at three to one odds. The so-called gambling syndicate employee drew a check for that amount on his syndicate -- the horse won but the pay-off was held up due to the check not having a counter signature. The bookie came to the hotel room with the \$900,000 in a satchel --

ANNOUNCER: And no doubt demanded a good faith showing of a certified check for the amount of the bet before paying over the winnings.

ANSWER: Exactly, Mr. . With nearly a million cash ready to be turned over, West was easily persuaded to put in \$200,000 to make up the necessary amount. He borrowed this sum from a friend -- who, strangely enough, was kidnaped some months later, and which brought Mead to the attention of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, as I will later explain -- and turned it over to his

gambling friend. He in turn left to collect from the bookie only to return an hour or so later excitedly shouting that he had bet the whole works on a horse at five to one, which would make them all millionaires before the day was ended. West's would-be partner in the road building business then put on a finished bit of acting. He flew into a terrible rage, struck the gambler on the head with a cuspidor and they had to be pulled apart by West, who thought the two were serious in their action.

ANNOUNCER: The second horse lost -- West lost his money, and I suppose Elmer and his friends hastily departed. But tell us, Mr. , how Director Hoover and his G-Men took up the search for Mead.

ANSWER: The \$200,000 which West had borrowed, as I have already pointed out, was loaned to him by a successful business man who later was kidnaped and released only after the payment of a large ransom. Mead, who as I have told you, was cunning and shrewd, reasoned that the Special Agents would trace the loan and conclude that he or his associates had "fingered" the victim to the kidnapers. Consequently, he contacted his lawyer, Louis P. Piquett of Chicago, who was subsequently convicted for harboring John Dillinger's lieutenant, the gangster Homer Van Meter. Piquett arranged for Dr. Wilhelm Loeser, a paroled convict who performed the unsuccessful fingertip and facial operations upon Dillinger and Van Meter, to operate on Mead's fingertips in a hotel room in Louisville, Kentucky, for \$2,000 although, as was the custom with confidence men, Mead paid \$200 down but no more.

ANNOUNCER: But, Mr. , can fingerprint patterns be successfully obliterated?

ANSWER: No. At least no case has as yet ever come to the attention of the FBI. On the contrary, such operations are a warning to law enforcement officials that the persons whose fingertips are scarred are probably fugitives. Mead, under the name of Charles E. Carter, was picked up by the police at Northampton, Massachusetts, on July 12, 1935, after a building contractor of that city had voiced his suspicion that the elderly man who was trying to interest him in the construction of a number of houses was probably not acting in good faith. When his fingerprints were received in the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, it was obvious at once that this prisoner, who had attempted to alter his fingerprints, must be no ordinary criminal. In spite of the scars, an identification was made, but in the meantime Mead had been released on a \$200.00 bond and proceeded for parts unknown.

ANNOUNCER: Did the altered fingerprints have any bearing on the search Mr. Hoover was directing in order that Mead might be apprehended?

ANSWER: To some extent, Mr. , they did. By that time the actual participants in the kidnaping of West's friend had been identified; now he was wanted by the Bureau for questioning, in order that the investigation might be completed. Further, the admission by Dr. Loesser that he had performed the operations on Mead's fingertips added a second factor, and efforts to locate him were redoubled.

Finally on July 8, 1936, the hunt ended in the lobby of an Omaha, Nebraska, hotel. Mead was sitting near the door under an electric fan, apparently awaiting the arrival of a confederate or perhaps scouring the faces of the arriving guests for a prospective sucker.

ANNOUNCER: But by this time, I suppose, Elmer was the victim and taken into custody by J. Edgar Hoover's G-Men as he was probably mopping his brow and blinking through his spectacles. Did he resist?

ANSWER: No, Mead was smart enough to know better. He was unarmed and among his effects were eight twenty-dollar bills sewn into the lining of his trousers near the watch pocket, and several checks for large sums as well as important looking letters on expensive stationery, all of which he admitted were faked.

ANNOUNCER: Did Mead have any followers or gang with whom he operated?

ANSWER: Mead is said by confidence men to have been more or less a "lone wolf." His only companion -- other than necessary confederates during the perpetration of a swindle -- was his wife whom he married in 1914, after his first wife had secured a divorce. She was known by the colorful nicknames of "Frisco Kate," "Klondike Kate," and "California Kate." Upon the various occasions when law enforcement officers have taken him into custody upon the complaint of some victim who awoke to the realization that the tall, thin, rather distinguished looking old gentleman, with the peculiar mouth, was somewhat dishonest, she would rush to his side with money -- and with tears to the prosecutor.

ANNOUNCER: He must not have had much trouble in obtaining assistance in his nefarious schemes.

ANSWER: He did not restrict his criminal associations to the members of any particular gang but rather planned each job and then selected his confederates for the job. Consequently, he has participated in swindles with practically every well-known confidence man this country has supported, including Fred Farrell, Fred Gondorf, Robert Finn, J. E. Hayes, George Garry, the "Yellow Kid" Weil. He even operated in England, for his criminal record discloses his arrest, under the name of Edwin Elza Gaynor, by New Scotland Yard, London, on March 24, 1930, on a charge of conspiracy. For that offense he was sentenced to serve two consecutive sentences of six months each at hard labor.

ANNOUNCER: When Mead was questioned after being apprehended by the Special Agents, did he say anything in an attempt to justify his swindles?

ANSWER: William Elmer Mead explained that where a man with sufficient intelligence to accumulate extra money through legitimate enterprise joins with strangers and places his money in a scheme for quick enrichment that he knows to be illegal, he deserves to lose that money. "Stick-up men," kidnapers, bank robbers, were crude operators, according to Mead, and persons with whom no confidence man cared to associate. They used weapons and violence in extracting tribute from their victims, whereas the true "con man's" tools were his wits, a more or less respectable bearing, and the knack of being able to appear to yield gracefully and somewhat hesitantly

when an intended victim pressed money upon him with the entreaty that he be permitted to participate in the particular piece of business being currently used for the swindle.

ANNOUNCER: Getting back to the apprehension of William Elmer Kead, Mr. what did Mr. Hoover's men do with him, following his apprehension?

ANSWER: Following the securing of the information desired by the FBI, Kead was turned over to the Post Office Inspectors for return to Jacksonville, Florida, where on October 14, 1936, upon conviction under an old indictment for use of the mails to defraud, he was sentenced to serve two years in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and to pay a fine of \$5,000.00.

ANNOUNCER: Thank you, Mr. , for your most interesting and instructive talk. To my listeners, may I mention the motto of the swindler, "Never take a man in his own city." The moral to be drawn from that is to beware of strangers when away from home. If lonely, do not seek their companionship. Thank you and good-night.

November 17 1938

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mr. J. Edgar Hoover;-

Dear Sir:-

Can you give me some details as to the antecedents of Volney Davis, the criminal who was, I believe associated with one of the famous gangs of kidnappers or other sort of criminals, and who I believe was captured by your force of "G" men.

My only reason for asking this is because I once knew of a man by that name who lived here in Maine, and while it could not have been the man I knew about, he might be the son of him. The name is so unusual I wondered if it could be this.

Perhaps the name "Volney Davis" of the man you captured was only an alias, but as I read the account of his capture and record, in one of your articles, I got the impression that it was his real name.

If it is consistent with the policy of your organization, I should be glad to know something about his life; where he was born, the names of his parents etc.

Thank you,

Francis R. Peabody
North Bridgton,
Maine.

P.S. This information is not for use in any publication, but solely for my own information.

F.R. Peabody
FRANK PEABODY

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November 26, 1938

Mr. Francis R. Peabody
North Bridgton, Maine

Dear Mr. Peabody:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of
November 17, 1938, requesting information con-
cerning Volney Davis.

The Bureau does not have available for
distribution the information you desire but I am
very pleased to enclose several publications of
the Bureau which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

- ✓ Pioneering in Honesty
- ✓ Law En and Citizen
- ✓ Lawlessness - A Natl. Menace
- ✓ UCR Vol 9 #3

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm

Cleveland, Ohio

October 26, 1938.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed by Special Agent M. J. Lynch, Resident Agent at Toledo, Ohio, that Chief RAY ALLEN of the Toledo (Ohio) Police Department advised him confidentially that Detective Captain GEORGE TIMINEY of the Toledo (Ohio) Police Department is expected to run for Sheriff of Lucas County, Ohio, at the next election in 1940.

Special Agent Lynch further advised me that Chief ALLEN does not trust TIMINEY and would like very much to remove him from the police department or at least demote him, but due to the fact that he does not have the "goods on him," he is afraid to have him tried before the Civil Service Board, as all the information Chief ALLEN has is hearsay and cannot be corroborated.

Reference is made to a letter from this office dated September 17, 1938, regarding the Toledo (Ohio) Police Department, which refers to other correspondence which mentions TIMINEY and his connection with confidence men. That information is briefly that FRANK ORR, informant, stated that Captain TIMINEY and other officers of the Toledo (Ohio) Police Department have a connection with confidence men in Toledo, whereby these officers obtain fifteen percent of every "score" made by confidence men in Toledo.

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Reference is also made to letter from the BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Indianapolis Office to the Bureau, dated April 15, 1938, regarding confidence men, and also to the memorandum submitted by Special Agent J. V. Anderson to Special Agent in Charge Robert Hendon, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 20, 1938, entitled Confidence Men and Confidence Games.

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which the name of TIMINEY, alias ~~TIMOTHY~~, appears, two copies of which memorandum were forwarded to all officers.

For your further information, GEORGE TIMINEY of the Toledo (Ohio) Police Department for several years prior to May 1935 was very friendly with THEODORE AND BERT ANGUS, who operated a night club known as the Casino, located in Point Place, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio. The ANGUS brothers on July 12, 1937 in Federal Court, at Cleveland, Ohio, were sentenced to two years and ten months and to pay a fine of \$500.00 each for having harbored ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL. Members of the KARPIS mob hung out at the Casino, particularly in the spring and summer of 1934, while they were fugitives. It was through their friendship with the ANGUS brothers and other underworld characters in Toledo, Ohio, that this gang was able to avoid apprehension for a considerable period of time.

Chief RAY ALLEN of the Toledo (Ohio) Police Department is very cooperative with Bureau agents and has often spoken of his tour through the Bureau. He has also expressed his appreciation for the Bureau's sending Inspector L. B. Nichols to talk before the Ohio Chiefs of Police Convention at Toledo, Ohio, October 3rd and 4th, 1938, and has commented on the excellent speech given by Inspector Nichols.

Very truly yours,

AL ROSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 14, 1938

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Mr. A. Rosen
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 26, 1938, setting forth information furnished by Chief of Police Ray Allen of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department concerning Detective Captain George Timiney of that department.

You are advised that, as reflected in the Cleveland office letter to the Bureau dated December 17, 1937, the Bureau made available to Chief of Police Ray Allen all information concerning Detective Captain George Timiney of the Toledo Police Department, in view of which it is not believed any further action should be taken by you at this time in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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November 18, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

There is attached a copy of a radio interview on "William Elmer Mead - Dean of the Confidence Men."

The original and one copy are being forwarded to SAC Norris, St. Louis, for his use in a radio broadcast on the coming weekend.

If you desire that this interview be distributed to all Special Agents in Charge for use in the series of radio broadcasts, please inform me in order that copies may be prepared.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

Wm Elmer Mead

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THE TULSA WORLD
Tulsa, Oklahoma
November 5, 1938

N. G. HENTHORNE, Editor

VALUABLE CONVICTIONS

FOUR PERSONS were convicted, in federal court at Little Rock, of conspiracy to harbor ALVIN KARPIS in 1935-36. Strangely, this case seemed to attract not much more than local attention. But in reality it was one of the most important trials of the year in the United States.

The evil of harboring criminals is an old one, and the federal government, through its bureau of investigation, has attacked it vigorously. A main trouble in all hunts for criminals is in the fact they are protected by various persons, often officers of the law. In this case three former police officers, one the chief at Hot Springs, were convicted. The other guilty one was a woman who had lived with KARPIS and who was selected by the defense to be the "goat." But the G-man view that the woman could not have kept the widely-hunted criminal safe in Hot Springs without official help prevailed with the jury.

The verdict is valuable. When it is known in advance that the F. B. I. men are going to hunt down all who harbor criminals, there will be much less of such harboring. In fact, the surest way to attack the gangsters is to break up their retreats and expose their "friends."

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November 23, 1938

Mr. Eugene A. Lorton
President and Publisher
Tulsa Daily World
World Building
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Lorton:

The editorial "Valuable Convictions," which appeared in the November 5, 1938, issue of the Tulsa Daily World, has been called to my attention in connection with the recent conviction of the conspirators charged with harboring Alvin Karpis at Little Rock, Arkansas.

As you have indicated in your column, one of the most effective ways of stifling the criminal element is to eliminate all those individuals, living under a cloak of pseudo-respectability, who have actually made organized crime a business enterprise because of the aid, assistance, and influence which they have given to gangsters.

The FBI will continue vigorously and relentlessly to pursue individuals of this type, and I want to express appreciation for your stating this fact in your editorial, as I feel it will deter others from similar offenses against the peace and security of our country.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Oklahoma City

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Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto six copies of a script entitled "William Elmer Mead - Dean of the Confidence Men," which you may use in any radio broadcast in which you may participate.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice**

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P. O. Box 1630,
San Antonio, Texas,
December 21, 1938.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al - Kidnaping -
Harboring of Fugitives

Dear Sir:-

In order that the Bureau records may be complete you are advised that WILLIAM BYRON BOLTON, a defendant in this case, was conditionally released from the Federal Springfield Medical Center on December 16, 1938, and left there immediately, accompanied by his wife, in an automobile and came direct to San Antonio, Texas, arriving in San Antonio, Texas, on the evening of December 18, 1938.

On Monday, December 19, 1938, BOLTON reported to U. S. Probation Officer REED COZART, San Antonio, Texas, and advised that he was residing at 1103 Broadway, Apartment #3, under the name of WILLIAM B. BOLTON.

BOLTON stated that he left Springfield, together with his wife, at 3 A.M. on December 16, 1938, and no one knew his present whereabouts and that he desired to keep his whereabouts secret as he feared violence from remnants of the KARPIS-BARKER gang.

BOLTON stated to COZART that he had approximately \$300 in cash and intended to either obtain a position on some golf course or endeavor to engage in giving golf lessons. He will keep the Probation officer advised as to any change of address.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge

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Peoria, Illinois
December 22, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: MYRTLE EATON,
FBI-807115, #X-4589

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 1, 1938, in the above matter, please be advised that contact was had with Miss MARGARET SCHLOSSER, Record Clerk, at the State Reformatory for Women, Dwight, Illinois, who advised that the above woman had no additional criminal record, and that according to the records she was a model prisoner while an inmate, and that her conduct, work, and school marks were good.

This office has no additional information concerning this woman, but it is the belief of Special Agent EDGAR E. THOMPSON that a woman of this same name was involved in the BREMER case, and that perhaps she is the person you have in mind, and a search of the investigative files of the Bureau will probably confirm this.

Very truly yours,

B. F. FITZSIMONS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington, D. C.

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December 30, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

Re: BREKID.

This is to advise that the following exhibits
have been removed from the supply room and are now in use
in the Technical Laboratory:

One can of Hoppes Oil.
Four pairs steel surgeon's scissors.
One steel needle.
Two pairs steel scissors.
Two glass hypodermic cases.
Two steel hypodermic needles.

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

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"WARM" STEAM, ACCORDING
TO WEATHER DEMAND.

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UNIT HEATERS

December 27, 1938.

En Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:---

I am sending you, hereto attached, a little memo. from Dr. Frank J. Bell, Billings, Montana, anent our old acquaintance, Elmer Mead, with aliases, Confidence Man of ability. Dr. Bell became acquainted with Mead at the summer camps and cabins on the Madison River, in Montana. Mead was generally called "Judge". It took considerable showing to convince Dr. Bell what, and who, he was. After that, he was anxious to help and kept watching for information, not only about Mead, but on all matters he thought would be helpful. As a dentist with a large list of patients, he secured a lot of worthwhile information. But he belongs to that large class which cannot be transferred to any one else. This accounts for him sending me memos., like this, although he knows my status.

The memo., alone, means nothing, but I felt it might fit into something you, or the Bureau, has on hand. If you desire more, I'll get it for you.

Sincerely, .

D.H. Dickason
(D.H. Dickason).

950 Mercantile Bldg.

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DR. FRANK J. BELL
Billings, Montana

Dear Mr. Dickson

Believe it or not I got a Xmas card from "Elmer Mead"

Ain't that something.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas.

(S) FRANK BELL

DR. FRANK BELL
BILLINGS, MONTANA

Dear Mr. Jackson
Believe it or not
I got a Xmas card
from "Elmer Mead" Aint
that some thing.

Wishin' you a Very
Happy Xmas. Dry Frank Bell

D. H. Dickason encloses memo from Dr. Frank J. Bell advising he rec'd Xmas card from Elmer Mead. Advises he convinced him of true character of Mead. Advises Dr. Bell is useful informant, but can not be transferred to any one else.

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Mr. D. H. Dickason
950 Mercantile Building
Rochester, New York

Dear Mr. Dickason:

I was very glad to receive your letter of December 27, 1938, with which you enclosed a note which was forwarded to you by Dr. Frank J. Bell, concerning Elmer Mead.

It was thoughtful of you to make this note from Dr. Bell available to me and I desire to express my appreciation therefor.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Q. Tamm _____

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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November 12, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Cassius McDonald

Mr. Dwyer
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Nease
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Quinn

About 8:30 A.M. January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota, and transported by automobile to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held until February 7, 1934; was then taken to Rochester, Minnesota, and released after payment of ransom in the amount of \$200,000.

On or about September 1, 1934, members of the Karpis-Barker gang, charged with the kidnaping, and including William Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, registered at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, having been referred to the Manager, Joe Adams, by Cassius McDonald. Adams, by reason of his acquaintanceship with McDonald aided these persons by recommending Fred Barker and Kate Barker, and in obtaining a residence for them at Oklawaha, Florida, and also by obtaining a residence for Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney in Miami on December 14, 1934.

Between September 1, 1934, and January 17, 1935, Cassius McDonald conferred with William Harrison and Harry Sawyer at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, and made frequent trips from there to Havana, Cuba. On September 4, 1934, he purchased \$11,000 worth of Cuban gold with \$18,000 of the ransom money obtained in this case, and on the following day changed this Cuban gold into \$1,000 bills.

On September 9, 1934, he and Harrison went to Havana, Cuba, from Miami, and on this trip some \$78,000 of ransom money secured in the Bremer kidnaping was exchanged by McDonald for \$1,000 bills. Fourteen \$1,000 bills, which were contained in the shipment from the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta to their branch at Havana, were found in the home of Fred and Kate Barker on the occasion of their death at Oklawaha, Florida, while resisting arrest.

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McDonald was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 7, 1935, charged with harboring Alvin

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Karpis, misprison of felony, and conspiracy to commit a misprison of felony, and furnished bond on this indictment.

On September 27, 1935, the Federal Grand Jury of St. Paul filed an indictment charging McDonald, Karpis, Arthur Barker and others with conspiracy between September 15, 1933, and January 15, 1935, to violate the act forbidding interstate transportation of kidnaped persons.

McDonald was removed from Detroit, Michigan, to St. Paul, Minnesota, on this indictment, and was brought to trial on January 6, 1936, which trial terminated on January 24, 1936, resulting in a verdict of guilty.

On February 1, 1936, McDonald was sentenced by the Honorable Gunnar H. Nordbye, Judge of the United States District Court at St. Paul, to serve fifteen years in a Federal penitentiary.

McDonald was 50 years of age at the time of his conviction, had no children, resided with his wife at 500 Trombley Road, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He is one of two sons of Michael McDonald, a well known politician of Chicago in the nineties, and later engaged in the lumber business in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

McDonald attended the Notre Dame University and during the War was in the service of the United States Government as an expert in timber, and purchased lumber for use in the manufacture of airplanes. Upon the death of his father several years ago he inherited a large sum of money and during the bank failures at Detroit he is supposed to have lost about \$190,000. While he claims to be an engineer, he is better known as a confidence man.

During his trial at St. Paul, the court obtained the impression that McDonald has some peculiarities or complexes of other than a normal person, and suspended sentence pending inquiry as to his mental condition.

This investigation revealed that McDonald's close associates in Detroit all related that he is a normal person fully capable of transacting his affairs with understanding and shrewdness; that he has exaggerated ideas of his importance, is cunning and evasive in his dealings.

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The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no record of previous conviction of McDonald.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. Tamm *E.T.*

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Dr. Ralph W. Whitely

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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January 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

It is observed that Mr. Stassen has been elected Governor of the State of Minnesota. I know Mr. Stassen very favorably. At the suggestion of former Special Agent O. G. Hall, Stassen was selected by Subject Bessie Green to handle her civil affairs during the course of the steps leading to her prosecution and subsequent sentence.

I considered Mr. Stassen, who was quite a young man, to have been unusually discreet in his handling of this matter. He steered clear of the criminal phases of the case, appeared to give sound advice on the civil side of the case, adopted a very friendly attitude with all the Bureau's personnel and was very cordial to me in his handling of these situations. He rendered considerable assistance and clearly indicated his very high regard for the FBI. I felt that this information might be of interest and perhaps future value.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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January 24, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER,
Member of KARPIS-BARKER GANG
I. C. #7-576

There is attached hereto a copy of I. C. #7-576
on Arthur "Doc" Barker, member of the Karpis-Barker Gang.

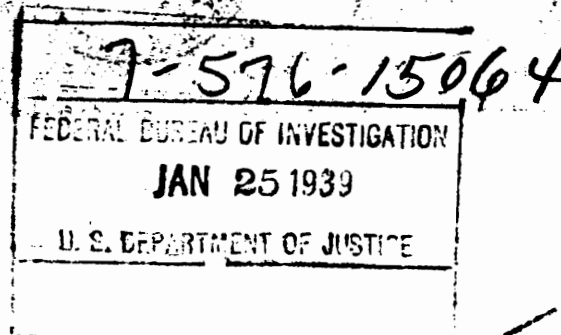
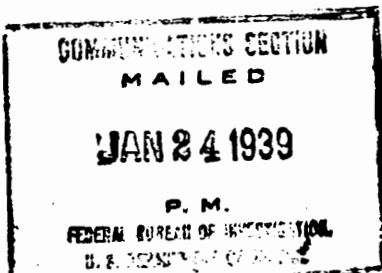
It is requested that this write-up be revised
to reflect the death of the subject "Doc" Barker in his
recent attempt to escape from Alcatraz. It is also sug-
gested that the interesting details of the Cleveland and
Toledo, Ohio, as well as the details of the Hot Springs,
Arkansas, harboring cases be prepared in interesting case
write-up form; however, it is being left to the discretion of
the Investigative Division whether or not these latter features
should be included in the revision of the attached I.C., or
made the subject matter of a separate write-up.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Quinn Tamm



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
500 Rector Office Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
January 22, 1939

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

Among the bulky exhibits in the Little Rock Field Division files is a black dress, taken from a house on Malvern Highway, near Hot Springs, Arkansas, when raided by Bureau Agents on March 30, 1936. This dress is mentioned on Page 21 of the report of Special Agent B. L. DAMRON, dated at Little Rock, Arkansas April 16, 1936 and was apparently intended to be used as evidence against GRACE GOLDSTEIN.

Inasmuch as the case against GRACE GOLDSTEIN has been disposed of, it is respectfully requested that the Bureau advise what disposition is to be made of this exhibit.

Very truly yours,

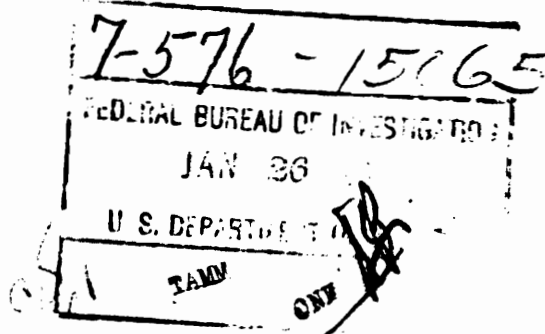
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H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 31, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 22, 1939, concerning a dress presently being held as an exhibit in the instant case.

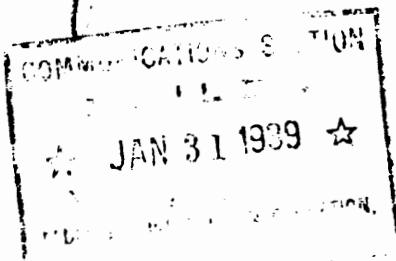
Inasmuch as this dress was preserved as evidence to be used in the prosecution of Grace Goldstein and the same was not used, it is suggested that you consult the United States Attorney relative thereto. If the United States Attorney advises the dress has no further value in connection with this case, it should be returned to the person legally entitled thereto if possible, and if not disposition may be made of it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____

cc-Cincinnati



John

Cleveland, Ohio

January 22, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic conversation between Mr. Foxworth of the Bureau and Special Agent W. S. Devereaux of the Cleveland office on the evening of January 19, 1939, wherein the Bureau was advised of a request made of the Cleveland office by Chief of Police RAY ALLEN of the Toledo, Ohio Police Department for some registration sheets of the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, which sheets bore the registration of WILLIE HARRISON, a subject in the Brekid case.

I wish to advise that these registration sheets have been found and as per the telephonic conversation of January 19 photostatic copies will be made of these sheets and then the originals will be turned over to the Algeo Hotel in order that Chief ALLEN may then obtain these sheets from that hotel.

For the Bureau's information, Special Agent M. J. Lynch had occasion to visit with Chief ALLEN in connection with other matters on January 20, 1939. Chief ALLEN advised that the case against GEORGE TIMINEX will not be presented until January 31, 1939. According to Chief ALLEN, TIMINEX has frequently been absent from work without permission, and he is putting up as his defense in connection with recent absences the fact that he has been working with a Narcotics agent out of Detroit, Michigan by the name of BURROWS, and that he, TIMINEX, and BURROWS have been conducting an investigation in reference to the robbery of the Auburndale Savings and Loan Company of Toledo. For the Bureau's information, this office presently has a pending investigation entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (S); The Auburndale Savings and Loan Company, Toledo, Ohio; BANK ROBBERY, Cleveland file 91-247. Chief ALLEN explained to Agent Lynch that he was going to make every effort to bring about the dismissal of Detective TIMINEX, and stated that he would more than

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appreciate any assistance that this Bureau might be able to give him.

The Bureau will be kept advised as to any further developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

AL ROSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Cleveland 91-247

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February 1, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 22, 1939, concerning registration sheets of the Algo Hotel at Toledo, Ohio, which bore the registration of Willie Harrison, a subject in the Brekid case.

I assume that you have informed Chief of Police Ray Allen of Toledo, Ohio, that the original registration sheets have been returned to the hotel in order that he, Chief Allen, may be able to secure them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time: 10:30 P. M.

Mr. Devereaux called from Cleveland and stated that Chief of Police Ray Allen of Toledo has preferred charges against George Timony, the Toledo Detective who appeared in the BREKID case. The charges against Timony are for misconduct in the course of a \$5,000 swindle case, which Timony apparently investigated last summer or previous thereto.

Mr. Devereaux stated that Willie Harrison, a subject in the BREKID file, was supposed to have registered at the Algee Hotel in the early part of 1938. At that time Timony sent two detectives to the Hotel to take Harrison out to a gambling Casino. The Toledo Police have been over to the Algee Hotel in an attempt to pick up Harrison's registration, and the Hotel Management has informed the Police that the Bureau has the registration, picked up in connection with the investigation of the BREKID matter.

One of the charges made against Timony is that he has taken leave without permission. During this leave he is supposed to have been investigating a bank robbery with Federal Agents. The Bureau has not been mentioned, but the implication is that Timony was in the company of Agents, which is without foundation.

Devereaux had not found the Hotel registration of Harrison as yet, but he suggested that in the event he did find it, it might be better to return it to the Hotel rather than to give it directly to Chief Allen.

I advised Devereaux that if he found the registration, he should return it to the Hotel and explain to Chief Allen in a diplomatic way that it was being returned to the Hotel since we promised to do so. Clippings of the matter have already been mailed to the Bureau, and Devereaux stated he would keep the Bureau advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth

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Edw. G. Brennan

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Cleveland, Ohio

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated February 1, 1939, (Bureau file No. 62-39826), referring to my letter of January 22, 1939.

Please be advised that photostatic copies of the registration sheets and ledger cards of the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, which bore the registration of WILLIAM HARRISON, a subject in the Brekid case, have been made and are being retained in the Cleveland office files.

On January 26, 1939, Special Agent M. J. Lynch informed Chief of Police Ray Allen, Toledo Police Department, that the original hotel registration sheets and ledger cards were to be returned to Mr. L. R. Algeo, Manager of the Algeo Hotel, at which time Chief Allen designated Detectives Harry Manson and William Fisk to obtain the original registration sheets and ledger cards from Mr. Algeo.

The afore-mentioned detectives accompanied Agent Lynch to the Algeo Hotel where the originals were returned to Mr. Algeo and a receipt obtained therefor, at which time Mr. Algeo turned over to Detectives Manson and Fisk the originals.

The hearing before Acting Safety Director Arnold DeFrance concerning the conduct of Detective Captain George B. Timiney, according to newspaper reports, was commenced on January 31, 1939, and is still in progress as of this date.

I shall keep you advised as to the results of this hearing.

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Very truly yours,

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: ARTHUR BARKER

Photographic copies of the jacket for
Arthur (Doc) Barker, #FBI 289428, have been prepared;
also, enlarged copies of his photograph.

It is believed desirable for this jacket
to be placed in the notorious dead file.

Respectfully,

C. E. Hennrich
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Kansas City, Missouri
February 18, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CASSIUS M. McDONALD, Petitioner
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR WRIT
OF HABEAS CORPUS

Reference is made to teletype from this field division to the Bureau dated February 17, 1939, in the above matter.

Confirming information set forth in reference teletype, you are advised that on February 15, 1939, CASSIUS M. McDONALD, who is presently serving a fifteen year sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, imposed by the Federal District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, for his participation in the BREKID case, filed an amendment to his petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in the U. S. District Court for the District of Kansas on October 20, 1938. In the amended petition McDONALD alleges that his indictment, trial and conviction in the District of Minnesota was illegal for numerous reasons. Among the reasons given was the fact that perjury and subornation of perjury and the alteration or changing of the court records on the part of Agents of this Bureau occurred.

For the information of the Bureau, there are attached hereto three copies of McDONALD'S amended petition, above referred to. It is pointed out that copies of the original petition for a writ of habeas corpus, which was filed in McDONALD'S behalf on October 20, 1938, are on file in the Department at Washington, D. C.

On the afternoon of February 17, 1939, Chief Federal Probation Officer JEFF ROBERTSON, Kansas City, Kansas, telephoned me advising that Mrs. CASSIUS McDONALD had a few minutes prior to the above telephone call appeared in his office and exhibited to him a copy of her amended petition and said that she was going to appear before Federal Judge HOPKINS in District Court at Kansas City, Kansas, at 10:00 A.M. on February 18, 1939, and demand an immediate hearing on the above petition. Upon receipt of this information from Mr. ROBERTSON, I immediately contacted Assistant United States Attorney HOMER DAVIS, Topeka, Kansas, by telephone and apprised him of what I had learned from Mr. ROBERTSON.

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RE: CASSIUS M. McDONALD, Petitioner
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

February 18, 1939

Mr. DAVIS advised that the amended petition had been filed and that he would appear in Judge HOPKINS' court on the morning of February 18, 1939, and would request continuance of the hearing. Further, that he would furnish me with copies of the amended petition above referred to.

Upon receipt of the above information from Mr. DAVIS, I telephonically reported the above to Mr. PENNINGTON of the Bureau and on the evening of February 17, 1939, reference teletype to the Bureau was sent, setting out the pertinent portion of the amended petition.

On February 18, 1939, an Agent from this division was present in Judge HOPKINS' court at Kansas City, Kansas, when Mrs. McDONALD, unaccompanied by counsel, appeared before Judge HOPKINS and requested the court to fix a definite ^{date for} hearing on the petition and amended petition. Mr. DAVIS represented the Government in the above proceeding before Judge HOPKINS. The court asked Mrs. McDONALD if she had an attorney in this matter, whereupon she replied that Attorney JOHN WILLIAMS of Topeka, Kansas, was representing the petitioner pursuant to an order made by Judge HOPKINS on November 2, 1938, appointing WILLIAMS to act as petitioner's counsel. Judge HOPKINS then suggested that before fixing a date for the hearing that she, Mr. WILLIAMS and Mr. DAVIS agree upon a date for same and that the court would so designate that date. It was thus understood by the parties that this procedure would be followed.

Mr. DAVIS subsequently advised me that he would get together with the counsel for the petitioner and agree upon a date for the hearing, which date will be sometime before March 13, 1939.

Mr. DAVIS stated that he purposed to file an answer to the amended petition by February 25, 1939, which answer would consist of a general denial of the facts alleged in the amended petition. He also stated the points alleged in the amended petition were not competent to be introduced in a habeas corpus proceeding and that in the event the petitioner intended to offer evidence in proof of same, it would be objected to by the Government.

Mr. DAVIS furnished me with a summary of what has transpired in this matter, which is set forth as follows:

October 20, 1938, petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed in U. S. District Court for the District of Kansas.

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October 21, 1938, copy of petition received by United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas.

October 22, 1938, motion to dismiss filed by United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas.

November 2, 1938, order entered appointing JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Topeka, Kansas, as counsel for the petitioner.

December 16, 1938, motion for continuance filed by defense.

December 16, 1938, order entered continuing the cause to January 14, 1939, or as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard.

January 23, 1939, depositions of witnesses taken at St. Paul, Minnesota, as a result of stipulation entered into by the counsel for the petitioner and the United States Attorney, Topeka, Kansas.

The names of the witnesses whose depositions were taken at St. Paul for both the petitioner and the Government are set forth in this stipulation.

Mr. DAVIS furnished this office with a copy of the original petition in this matter filed on October 20, 1938, together with a copy of the stipulation relative to taking depositions. Same are attached hereto for the information of the Bureau.

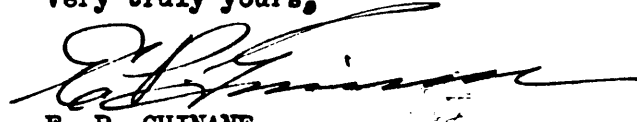
Mr. DAVIS further stated that all proceedings had by his office in this case have been reported to the Department at Washington, which has a complete file in this matter. He pointed out that several of the allegations contained in the amended petition were set forth by the petitioner in a writ of Coram Nobis filed in the Supreme Court of the United States in the October, 1937, term, which writ was subsequently denied by the Supreme Court. This petition for a writ of Coram Nobis is also on file in the Department at Washington.

RE: CASSIUS M. McDONALD, Petitioner
MISCELLANEOUS - PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

February 18, 1939

This field division is closely following this matter and will report the developments of same, as they transpire in the above court, to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,


E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

MBR:B

cc - St. Paul (2), Information

62-1287

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE
DISTRICT OF KANSAS, FIRST DIVISION

Cassius McDonald,

Petitioner,

vs

No. 525 H.C.

Robert H. Hudspeth

Respondent.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO PETITIONERS APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

TO: The Honorable Richard J. Hopkins, United States District Judge.

Comes now your petitioner, Cassius McDonald, and for his first amendment and as an addition thereto to his original petition alleged and states:

First, that your petitioner's indictment, trial and conviction was illegal and unlawful, for the additional reasons and facts, to wit:

A--Laws which make an act done before passage of a law and which was innocent when alleged committed criminals and punishable.

B--Laws that aggravate a crime or make it greater than it was when alleged committed.

C--Laws which change punishment and inflict, making less or different testimony necessary to convict the alleged offender than was required when the alleged offense was committed.

E--The perjury was committed when Hanson, McKee, Brown, Bolton and the Cubans in the original proceedings, upon their lawful oath gave false testimony material to the issue or points in question.

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F--The subornation of perjury was the offense of procuring witnesses to take such false oath, as Bolton, Hanson, Adams, Brown and McKee.

G--The forgery offense was the false and fraudulent making or the altering of the testimony of the transcript of court record, as the changing of testimony: "The destruction of alleged money was ordered by John Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice, to read by order of the TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, which would if genuine, apparently impose a legal liability upon another, or change his legal liability to his prejudice.

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Appenal Status---that is: "those inflicting a penalty for their violation---are as strictly construed as may be consistent with carrying out the intention of Legislature." Of course this runs counter to the sentiment of the one's who run the growth of administrative THEIR METHOD IS FIRST NO CONVICT BY FALSE PROPAGANDA, THEN BY REPETITION PROLONG EFFECT.

H--That on account of the mental and physical condition of one, Everett Jennings, an attorney at law, of Chicago, Illinois, which it has been purported and claimed to have represented your petitioner, when in truth and in fact your petitioner had no counsel or assistance of counsel in his trial, in which he was tried and convicted without the assistance of counsel. That your petitioner was not allowed or permitted in his trial to take the stand in his own behalf and he was not permitted or allowed to introduce his witnesses, evidence or testimony, establishing beyond a doubt his innocence.

I--That in the entering of the petitioner's name in the charging part of the indictment with knowledge, at the time and prior to the indictment thereto: "That the government admits that the petitioner McDonald was in no way connected with the offense and the government and the U. S. Attorney and his able Assistant, maliciously incorporated the petitioner's name as one of principles in the main offense."

J--That the trial court passing judgment on the wisdom of the intent of Congress are not aphorisms, but burning truth, and it is so alleged that in the Court's instructions to the jury, and the alleged expressions of an opinion by trial judge Nordbye. His summed up opinion of the petitioner's case to the jury. His comments at length on the validity of the evidence is error, and by this writ alone the case, may be reversed. Violations of article 5, 6 and 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

Wherefore: Your petitioner prays, as he has heretofore done, that upon the hearing herein, that he be ordered discharged from confinement and incarceration, for the reasons already stated, the evidence to be submitted, and that this Court decree and the adjudge so far as the petitioner is concerned, that the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, had no jurisdiction or power to try, convict and sentence your petitioner.

This amendment is respectfully submitted.

Signed Cassius McDonald
Cassius McDonald, Petitioner

State of Kansas
Leavenworth County ss.

Cassius McDonald being first duly sworn on oath states; that he is the petitioner; that he has read and knows the contents of the above and foregoing and that the statements and allegations therein are true.

Signed Cassius McDonald
Cassius McDonald

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of February 1959.

Notary Public

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
In The United States District Court
For The District of Kansas
First Division

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

CASSIUS McDONALD, Petitioner,

vs

ROBERT H. HUDSPETH, Respondent.

H.C. 525

To The Honorable Richard Hopkins, Judge.

Comes now your Petitioner, Cassius McDonald, and shows to this Honorable Court that he is deprived of his liberty by one Robert H. Hudspeth, as Warden of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Your Petitioner further states that the cause of his incarceration is that he was on or about September 27th, 1935 indicted in the United States District Court at Saint Paul, Minnesota, and that thereafter and on or about the 25th day of January, 1936 he was convicted of conspiracy to violate the provisions of the Federal Kidnapping Act as defined by 18 USC, 408a, and that on February 1st, 1936 he was sentenced to a term of fifteen years in the above penitentiary, a copy of said indictment is hereto attached marked Exhibit "A"; a copy of said commitment is hereto attached, marked Exhibit "B".

Your Petitioner further shows to this Honorable Court that his confinement and detention is unlawful and that he is unlawfully deprived of his liberty for the following reasons:

Your Petitioner shows that the indictment in this case was claimed to have been returned under the Kidnapping Act as set out in 18 USC 408a; that in setting out the overt acts which it was charged this petitioner committed in furtherance of said conspiracy, it will be seen he was charged with receiving, disposing of and exchanging ransom money which it was claimed was derived from the person alleged to have been kidnapped.

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Your petitioner further shows to this honorable court that the law making it an offense to receive, exchange or dispose of ransom money was not passed until January 24th, 1936 and is known as 18 USC 408d. The offense attempted to be charged in the indictment was not covered by statute until January 24th, 1936, thereby all allegations became on their face ex post facto. See Article 1, Section 9, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution; that the allegations in said indictment which the Government based its "Elements of an offense" to prosecute this petitioner, WAS NOT A LAW, and did not become a law of the United States until January 24th, 1936, or nearly four months after petitioner was indicted under the original Lindbergh Act, 47 Stat. 326, 18 USCA 408a, as will more fully appear by the act as set forth:

408a, the act referred to, is as follows:

"That whoever shall knowingly transport or cause to be transported, or aid or abet in transporting, in interstate or foreign commerce, any person who shall have been unlawfully seized, confined, inveigled, decoyed, kidnapped, abducted, or carried away by any means whatsoever and held for ransom or reward shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for such term of years as the court, in its discretion, shall determine; Provided, that the term interstate or foreign commerce shall include transportation from one state, territory, or the District of Columbia to another State, Territory, or District of Columbia * * * *
Provided further, that if two or more persons enter into an agreement, confederation, or conspiracy to violate the provisions of the foregoing act and do any overt act toward carrying out such unlawful agreement, confederation, or conspiracy, such person or persons shall be punished in like manner as hereinbefore provided by this Act."

The law was amended by Act of Congress approved May 18, 1934,
Title Sec. 408a, 408b, 408c.

The law was again amended by the Act of January 24, 1936.
This amendment has become Sec. 4 of said Act or 408d and is in the following language:

Sec. 4. Whoever receives, possesses, or disposes of any money or other property, or any portion thereof, which has at any time been delivered as ransom or reward in connection with a violation of Section One of this Act, knowing the same to be money or property which has been at any time

delivered as such ransom or reward, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 or imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than ten years, or both. (Sec. 4 shows the elements of the Overt Act as taken from 408d) as receives, possesses and disposes.

USCA, Title 18, Sec. 18, Sec. 408d
March, 1936, Cumulative Pamphlet, 108.

USCA, Aug. 1936, Cumulative Pamphlet, p. 558.

The offense as attempted to be charged in the indictment was not covered by statute at the time of said indictment, therefore constituted no offense against the laws of the United States of America.

The Government predicated a crime against this petitioner, which was not a law at the time the petitioner was indicted, by incorporating the allegations or elements of the offense in a (conspiracy charge) in the nature of an overt act, which would not have been tenable, legal, plausible or consistent with the facts, as well as with their knowledge of the petitioner's innocence if they attempted to indict the petitioner in a direct charge, or the substantive offense of: "Receiving, passing, or disposing of ransom money," as of the Act of January 24, 1936, as above referred to; as this law was not in force AT THE TIME OF THE INDICTMENT.

The government created a situation by converting a non-existing element into a positive reality, to lend the air of criminality when none existed at the time this petitioner was indicted. *** In other words, *** the elements of an "EX POST FACTO LAW" were incorporated as an overt act. The elements, to enable the government to charge a conspiracy to kidnap under the Lindbergh Act, 408a, which would carry a sentence up to life. This in contradistinction to or charging the petitioner with having violated Sec. 408d which went into effect January 24, 1936, of *** "Receiving, passing, and disposing of ransom money," *** which carried a maximum sentence of ten years, or a two year sentence in the event of a conspiracy charge is laid instead of a direct charge. (Mr. Justice Hughes has spoken on this question

of creating a conspiracy for the charge when they cannot make a straight charge against this policy. See Citations on this point.)

It is apparent that if the "allegations" were made as a substantive offense under Sec. 408d, it would have been impossible to have stood the test, as there was no such law in existence at the time petitioner was indicted.

The amendment of January 24, 1936, making the exchange of ransom money one of the provisions of the statute as amended, a crime. The passage of the amendment indicated that Congress did not consider the exchanging of ransom money a crime under the provisions of the original Lindbergh Act, before the said amendment of January 24th, 1936, therefore could not be an element of the overt act as charged against the petitioner.

This view is fortified by reports upon said amendment of 1936 of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees, a copy of Report No. 779 Judiciary Committee of U.S. Senate accompanying the said amendment of 1936 to said Kidnapping Statute. The said report by Mr. Ashurst of Committee is as follows. See Senate Bill 2421.

Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 4/27/36

Hon. Henry P. Ashurst,
Chairman Committee on the Judiciary,
United States Senate,

My Dear Senator:-

I enclose herewith a draft of a bill to amend the so-called "Federal Kidnapping Act" so as to make it a crime to receive, possess or dispose of the ransom money.

The present law is inadequate to reach persons handling ransom money. The proposed amendment would make such persons accessories after the fact to a violation of the Kidnapping Act.

I shall be glad if you will introduce this bill and lend it your support.

Sincerely yours,

Homer S. Cummings,
Attorney General.

The said report of the House Judiciary Committee being report #1719, Mr. Sumners of Texas used the following language: "An act forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnapped, or otherwise unlawfully detained and making such act a felony, as amended, after consideration reported the same favorably to the House with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to make it a crime to receive, possess, or dispose of any ransom money in connection with the violation of the Kidnapping Act known to be ransom money. The bill has been requested by the Attorney General in the following communication:

Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Hon. Hatton W. Sumners,
Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives,

My Dear Mr. Chairman:-

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The Congress by enacting said amendment approved and adopted that construction of the law. It is presumed that the legislative body acted with knowledge of the judicial decisions under the pre-existing law. See Thompson v. U.S. 246, 547, 51; 62 L. Ed. 876, 79.

That the entering of petitioner's name in the charging part of the indictment with knowledge at the time, and prior to the indictment and that the government admits petitioner was in

no way connected with the offense.

There was no provision in the law under which petitioner McDonald was indicted and tried making it a crime as accessory after the fact or otherwise to exchange ransom money, or to aid and abet therein. Ransom money was not an element to the conspiracy to exchange ransom money, or to aid or abet therein, is no violation of the provision of said Act. "Ex Post Facto", as said law did not become effective until January 24, 1936, nearly four months after Petitioner was indicted. (See Trials 20 Edition Vol. 1- Sec. 239 and Notes, p. 281. Oscanian vs. Winchester Repeating Arms Co., 103 U.S. 261, 63, 64; 25 L. Ed. 539, 41.)

That by incorporating in the indictment the element "Ransom Money" as a conspiracy charge, the allegation was not covered by statute, or law, when the alleged crime was committed, therefore the Government could not charge an overt act, as numbers XI, XII, XIII and XIV as the object to the effect of the conspiracy. These overt acts so alleged, condensed, are as follows: On or about September 2, 1934, Petitioner McDonald traveled from Miami, Florida, to Cuba, to negotiate for the exchange of alleged ransom money; That on September 5, 1934, Petitioner McDonald traveled from Miami, Florida to Cuba; On September 10, 1934 at Havana, Cuba, Petitioner McDonald exchanged more or less of said alleged ransom for other currency of the United States.

Your petitioner further alleges that he was deprived of his right to be defended by counsel in violation of the sixth amendment to the constitution, that part of which applies to his case reads as follows:

"In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right . . . to have the assistance of counsel for his defense."

Your petitioner further shows that after his arrest one Everett Jennings, an attorney of Chicago, Illinois, was employed to defend him in this action; that when his case was called for trial on January 7th, 1936 at St. Paul, Minnesota, said attorney

was not present in court; and that the following proceedings were had:

(Transcript Page 10.)

St. Paul, Minnesota,
January 7, 1936,
10 o'clock A.M.

All parties being present as aforesaid, further proceedings were had at the above time and place as follows:

(Mr. Jennings not present in the court room at opening of the court session.)

(Conference at the Court's bench between the Court and all counsel present.)

THE COURT: I understand, Mr. McDonald, that Mr. Jennings is not here this morning, and that it is agreeable to you that Mr. Hoffmann and Mr. Rensch and Mr. Drill and Mr. O'Sullivan represent you in the impaneling of the jury.

MR. MCDONALD: I have no objections, your Honor, as long as I do not lose any of my rights.

MR. HOFFMANN: This is only in respect to selecting a jury.

THE COURT: They will simply represent you and the other defendants in selecting a jury.

MR. MCDONALD: I have no objection.

MR. O'SULLIVAN: At your suggestion?

MR. MCDONALD: At my suggestion.

(Examination of prospective jurors continued by the court.)

(Mr. Jennings enters the court room at 10:20 A.M.)

(Examination of prospective jurors continued by the court.)

(Morning Recess.)

January 7, 1936, 2:00 P. M.

MR. JENNINGS: I understand my client is going to have another lawyer here, which I think is proper. He will be here. I don't know who he is, but I want your Honor to know about it now.

THE COURT: Are you able to state the name of the co-counsel that will be here?

MR. JENNINGS: No, I am not.

MR. McDONALD: Mr. Barnard - Edward Barnard of Detroit.

(Examination of prospective jurors continued by the court.)

Your petitioner alleges and shows that Mr. Barnard did not appear the next morning for trial when the taking of evidence started, and that after a day's trial Mr. Jennings did not appear, having become ill or incapacitated for his appearance in court; that your petitioner called the trial judge, Honorable Judge Nordbye's attention to the fact and stated to him that he, your petitioner, "was without counsel through no fault of his, and was not able to defend himself", and asked "permission of said court to permit your petitioner to employ other counsel"; that Judge Nordbye denied said application and ordered that said case proceed; that your petitioner was forced to proceed with the trial of the case without the benefit of counsel and that his said counsel did not appear for two days during the taking of the testimony; that said attorney Jennings finally appeared as the trial was proceeding and that the said counsel for petitioner went to sleep; the court then and there ordered the attorney removed forthwith from the court room, which order was executed by the U.S. Marshals. That your petitioner again applied to the court for leave to employ other counsel to enable the petitioner to be defended and for a suspension of the taking of the testimony until he had an opportunity to get other counsel, but that the court again refused his request to obtain counsel and ordered the case proceed to trial.

That the petitioner further alleges that during approximately ten days of the said trial this petitioner was without counsel at different intervals for a period of several days caused by the court's refusal to discontinue the trial, as to this petitioner, to enable him to obtain counsel to properly defend him.

Your petitioner further shows to this Honorable court that he protested to said court that his constitutional rights

were being taken away from him and that he in no manner directly or indirectly waived any right he had to be represented by counsel;

Your petitioner shows to this Honorable court that his right to have counsel is an essential jurisdictional prerequisite to a Federal Court's authority to deprive him of his life or liberty and that by reason of his being so deprived of the benefit of counsel said court was without jurisdiction or authority to proceed with his conviction or pass sentence upon him, and that by reason thereof the sentence so passed upon your petitioner is void.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that said writ be granted and that upon a hearing had hereon your petitioner be ordered discharged from further confinement.

Respectfully,

Cassius McDonald
Petitioner.

STATE OF KANSAS

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY

ss

Cassius McDonald, being first duly sworn on oath, states he is the above petitioner, that he has read and knows the contents of the above and foregoing petition for writ of habeas corpus, and that the statements and allegations therein are true. Further affiant saith not.

Cassius McDonald

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of October, 1938.

Wm. A. Harrier, Jr.
Notary Public

My commission expires: 3/29/41

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
FIRST DIVISION

Cassius McDonald,

Petitioner,

vs.

No. 525 F.C.

Robert H. Hudspeth, Warden,
United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas,

Respondent.

STIPULATION AS TO TAKING DEPOSITIONS

It is agreed and stipulated by and between the petitioner and respondent, by their respective counsel, as follows:

1. That the petitioner may take the depositions of the following witnesses:

Mr. Jerome Hoffman, Attorney at Law, 1100 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, Minnesota;

Mr. Lewis L. Drill, 1005 Commerce Building, St. Paul, Minnesota;

Mr. Robert V. Rensch, 1005 Commerce Building, St. Paul, Minnesota;

Mr. John M. Carlisle, Reporter, Editorial Department, Detroit News, Detroit, Michigan;

Mr. Edward Evans, Chicago, Illinois;

Mr. John A. Burns, Attorney at Law, 828 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, Minnesota;

Mr. A. A. Carroll, East Grand Rapids, Michigan;

Mr. Joe Kelly, Watermeet, Michigan;

Mr. Phil Vantwoud, Watermeet, Michigan;

Miss Helen A. Goetske, Secretary to Mr. John A. Burns, 828 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, Minnesota;

Miss Agnes Deor, Secretary to Edward Barnard, 906 Dixie Building, Detroit, Michigan;

and such other witnesses as he may desire.

2. That the respondent may take the depositions of the following witnesses:

Petitioner desires to have subpoenas, ad testificandum, including subpoenas duces tecum, issued for certain witnesses, or an order to take depositions of certain witnesses.

CITATIONS

Bertsch vs Snook 36 Fed. (2nd) 155; Habeas Corpus
Carter vs Snook 28 Fed. 609; Habeas Corpus
Cohan vs Biddle 12 Fed. 704; Habeas Corpus
Ex parte Warner 21 Fed. 542; Habeas Corpus
Franklin vs Biddle 5 Fed. 19; Habeas Corpus
Harrison vs U.S. Fed. 7--259; Sentence & Conspiracy
Morrow vs U.S. Fed. -11-255;
Keager vs U.S. Fed. 36 (2nd) 155;
Manning vs Biddle 14 Fed. 518; Cr. Law & Habeas Corpus
Musick vs U.S. 2 Fed. 711; Pardon & Habeas Corpus
Sullivan & Mann vs U.S. 7 Fed. 355; Criminal Law
Schultz vs Biddle 19 Fed. 478; Sentence & Habeas Corpus
U.S. vs Nash 51 Fed. 253; Conspiracy
U.S. vs Hill 74 Fed. 822; Habeas Corpus
U.S. vs Mathues 6 Fed. 149; Criminal Law & Habeas Corpus
Craig vs Hecht 44 Fed. 103; Habeas Corpus
MCHA vs Hill 55-3-Ct 24; Sentence & Habeas Corpus
U.S. vs Hersey 26 Fed. 437; Criminal Law, Indict.,
and Conspiracy

Mr. Louis F. Ayer, 509 United States Court House,
Minneapolis, Minnesota;

Mr. Stanley Gilpin, 509 United States Court House,
Minneapolis, Minnesota;

Mr. John A. Burns, Attorney at Law, 528 Minnesota
Building, St. Paul, Minnesota;

Mr. George A. Heisey, Assistant United States
Attorney, United States Court Building, St. Paul,
Minnesota;

Honorable Gunnar H. Nordbye, Senior Judge, United
States District Court, District of Minnesota, United
States Court Building, St. Paul, Minnesota;

Honorable George F. Sullivan, Judge, United States
District Court, District of Minnesota, United States
Court Building, St. Paul, Minnesota;

and such other witnesses as respondent may desire.

3. That such depositions shall be taken before a notary
public, Federal Judge, ^{or} United States Commissioner at 509 United
States Court House, Minneapolis, Minnesota, or at such place as any
United States Attorney in the State of Minnesota, and counsel for
petitioner may agree upon.

4. That said depositions shall be taken during the week
starting January 22, 1939, and at such time ^{and place} as any United States
Attorney or Assistant United States Attorney in the State of Minnesota
and the said John Williams, as attorney for petitioner, may agree upon.

5. That in the first instance the testimony of any witness
may be taken in shorthand and later transcribed, and thereafter signed
by the witness before the officer taking their respective depositions
and when the depositions are completed, the officer taking the same
shall certify to the same and forward the same by United States mail
directed to the Clerk of the United States District Court, Topeka,
Kansas, and there shall be endorsed on the end of the envelope the
following:

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STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS
FIRST DIVISION

Mr. Louis P. Ayer, 509 United States Court House,
Minneapolis, Minnesota;

Mr. Stanley Gilpin, 509 United States Court House,
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(SEAL)

(Signed)

Officer taking depo-
sition.

6. The respective parties hereto waive all further notice
and all other statutory provisions of law relative to taking of deposi-
tions.

John Williams,
Attorney for Petitioner,

Homer Davis,
Assistant U. S. Attorney,
District of Kansas,
Federal Building,
Topeka, Kansas,
Attorney for Respondent.

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